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Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
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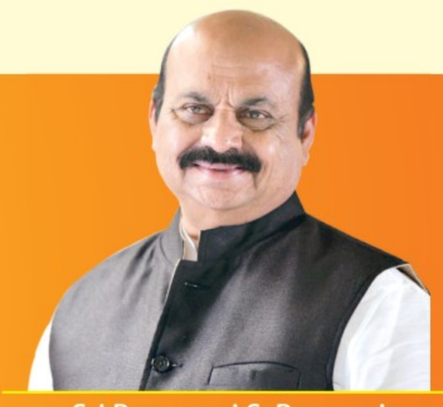

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Classrooms Construction

Foundation stone laying programme in the State for 7601 classrooms in on 14.11.2022 on the occasion of Children's Day

Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai will be laying foundation stone in Govt. Higher Primary School, Madiyal Tanda, Kalaburgi Taluk and in all constituencies by concerned District In-charge Ministers/MPs/MLAs/MLCs/Other people representatives.

Development of schools studied by Jnanapeeta Awardees

Action initiated to holistically develop the Govt. primary and secondary schools in which **Jnanapeeta Awardees** have studied and century old schools

Amrutha School Facility Scheme

Action initiated for the holistic development of 750 Govt. schools to commemorate the completion of **75** years of freedom (Swathantra Amrutha Mahostav)

Repair of Govt. School Rooms

Action initiated to repair Govt. schools and PU colleges by spending Rs.**46.50** crores.

Construction and Repair of Toilets in Govt. schools

Rs.250 crores will be spent for construction of toilets in Govt. schools and PU colleges.

Providing furniture to Govt. schools and PU colleges

A grant of **Rs.100** crores will be spent to provide furniture to Govt. schools and PU colleges.

Sri Basavaraj S Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister along with **Sri B C Nagesh,** Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Literacy and Sakala, participating in the school re-opening ceremony for the year 2022-23 and launch of **Kalika Chetharike** Programme.

Other Programs

- Total **32,159** guest teachers were appointed in Govt. Primary and High schools : Total **3,708** PU guest lecturers were appointed.
  - Primary School guest teachers honorarium increased by Rs.**2,500.**
  - High School guest teachers honorarium increased by Rs.**2,500.**
  - PU Guest lecturers honorarium increased by Rs. **3,000.**
  - MDM helpers honorarium increased by RS.**1,000.**
- Prathibha Karanji, Vignana Mela, Youth Parliament and Sports events are being organized for holistic development of students.
- Specific action plan for the implementation of National Education Policy -2020.
- Midday Meal, Milk, Eggs/Chikkies/Fruits are distributed to provide nutritious food to the students.
- Distribution of free uniform, shoe-socks to **45.42** lakh Govt. school students.
- Distribution of free textbooks to **59.04** lakh Govt. and Aided school children.
- Comprehensive medical treatment for needy students.
- The Process of recruitment of **15,000** Teachers is in the final stage.
- Karnataka is the first State to implement the Learning recovery – **"Kalika Chetharike"** Programme to address the learning gap caused due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Examination Fees for girl students studying in PU Colleges were completely exempted.
- More than **23,000** teachers were given transfers to their place of choice.
- Approval granted for all teaching cadre posts appointed before 31st December 2015 in Aided schools.
- Special drive initiated to protect the properties of Govt. Schools and Colleges.
- Digitalization of State libraries.

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Tension in Bhadravati

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Tension prevailed for some time in the heart of Bhadravati town in Shivamogga district on Sunday evening following two incidents involving people from different faiths.

The police resorted to a mild lathi-charge to disperse the mob that had gathered near a hospital.

In one incident, one person suffered injuries after he was stabbed by unknown people near the hospital.

In another incident, a heated argument between two groups over a social media post led to stone pelting at Gandhi Circle.

Stone pelting

It is said that two persons threw stones at one person belonging to another community.

Superintendent of Police of Shivamogga G.K. Mithun Kumar said the police would register all the cases and identify the people involved.

Tipping the balance: Joe Biden, reacting to the election results, said he is looking forward to the next two years. AFP

Democrats retain control of U.S. Senate

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Democrats kept control of the U.S. Senate on Saturday, repelling Republican efforts to retake the chamber and making it harder for them to thwart President Joe Biden's agenda.

The fate of the House of Representatives was still uncertain as Republicans struggled to pull together a slim majority there. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto's victory in Nevada gave Democrats the 50 seats they needed to keep the Senate. Her win reflects the surprising strength of Democrats across the U.S.

Seeking re-election in an economically challenged State that has some of the highest gas prices in the nation, Ms. Cortez Masto was considered the Senate's most vulnerable member, adding to the frustration of Republicans who were confident she could be defeated.

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G-20 summit to focus on food, energy security

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to meet with 'several' world leaders in Bali; he will discuss the plans for the 2023 summit to be held under India's presidency, environment and gender issues

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Bali on Monday to attend the G-20 summit on November 15 and 16. Food and energy security and post-COVID health issues will be at the top of the agenda in sessions at the summit in the Indonesian city.

Officials said Mr. Modi will meet with "several" G-20 leaders, but would not confirm who they were. He will also address the Indian community in Bali, and visit a mangrove forest.

Mr. Modi will also use the opportunity to invite all other G-20 leaders to the next summit in India in September 2023. "This G-20 summit is particularly special because India will hold the presidency of the G-20 from December 1, 2022 for a one-year period, and the presidency handover will take place during the summit in Bali," Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said at a briefing.

All set: Mounted police patrol the Indonesian city of Bali, which is hosting the G-20 summit. GETTY IMAGES

Mr. Modi will discuss plans for India's presidency of the G-20, environment and gender issues and a "greater voice for the global south in issues of international economic cooperation, [and] the need for reformed 21st century institutions," he said.

Asked about the possibility of Mr. Modi meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping or Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who cancelled his visit to India on Sunday at the last minute due to "scheduling difficulties", Mr. Kwatra said, "Bilateral engagements with the other leaders are still in the process of being scheduled."

Ahead of a possible meeting between Mr. Modi and U.S. President Joseph Biden, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met in Cambodia on the sidelines of East Asia Summit.

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Siddaramaiah to contest from Kolar?

BENGALURU
Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Sunday dropped hints of Kolar Assembly constituency as his possible choice for the Assembly polls. » Page 4

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Centre making fertilizers affordable for farmers: PM

10 In lakh crore, the amount spent by the Centre during the last eight years to provide affordable fertilizers to farmers, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said five big fertilizer plants that were lying closed for years are being restarted towards achieving self-reliance in urea production and is expected to provide 60 lakh tonne of urea. PTI

FPI investments rise in November with softening of the dollar

19,000 In ₹ crore, the amount invested by Foreign Portfolio investors (FPIs) in Indian equities in November, primarily due to the moderating trend in U.S. inflation and softening of the dollar. This came following a net outflow of just ₹8 crore in October and ₹7,624 crore in September. PTI

India makes a heavy contribution to the ASEAN-India fund

5 In $ million, India's additional contribution to the ASEAN-India science and technology fund to enhance cooperation in sectors of public health, renewable energy and smart agriculture. Saurabh Kumar, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs, said that both India and ASEAN vowed to advance maritime cooperation as well as maritime security. PTI

New medical colleges to be set up by 2027 to boost the health sector

100 The number of new medical colleges to be set up by 2027, according to the latest proposal by the Union Health Ministry. The proposal aims to boost human resources for the health sector. The colleges will be set up under the centrally sponsored scheme for the establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district hospitals. PTI

Employees from business positions laid off by Meta

54 The percentage of employees in business positions laid off by Facebook owner Meta Platforms, while the rest were from technology roles, the company informed. Meta aggressively hired during the pandemic amid a surge in social media usage. But business suffered this year as inflation affected consumer's purchase capacity. Reuters

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New regulations for awarding PhDs

Will the University Grants Commission's move to remove the mandatory requirement to publish a research paper reduce pressure on doctoral scholars? What led to the need to introduce new rules? How have the latest regulations been received?

EXPLAINER

Jagriti Chandra

ISTOCKPHOTO

The story so far:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has made sweeping changes in its latest regulations governing the award of PhDs. Important changes such as abolishing of MPhils, relaxing course work for obtaining PhDs and allowing candidates to register for a PhD after finishing four years of a graduation programme, have been seen as steps that could lead to diminishing academic rigour as well as impediments to inclusivity in higher education.

What are the key changes?

The UGC on November 7, 2022 notified the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022. One of the notable changes it made was to the evaluation and assessment criteria for the award of the degree, where it has waived the need to mandatorily publish a research paper in a peer-reviewed journal. This is accompanied by completely abolishing MPhil, which has been a gateway for PhD programmes, in line with the recommendation in the National Education Policy 2020. The eligibility criteria for admissions too have been revised, and a candidate can register after completing a one-year (or two semester) master's degree programme after a four-year (or 8-semester) bachelor's degree programme or a two-year (or four-semester) master's degree programme after a three-year bachelor's degree programme with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade.

There are also important changes to course work. Earlier, the description of course work candidates needed to finish was more detailed, with at least four credits assigned to courses on research methodology. Candidates were also required to finish this either in the first semester, or by the second semester. Only candidates who were awarded MPhil or had completed their MPhil were exempted. But the new regulations leave it more open ended and says that all PhD scholars "shall be required to train in teaching/ education/ pedagogy/ writing related to their chosen PhD subject." They can also now be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial, or laboratory work and evaluations.

The UGC now also allows part-time PhDs, a practice that was disallowed under the 2009 and 2016 regulations.

How will research scholars be evaluated under the new regulations?

PhD scholars will be required to undertake research work after completing their course work, make a presentation and produce a draft dissertation or thesis. If the evaluation of the submission is satisfactory, the candidate will have to defend the thesis in a public viva voce. They will not have to publish a research paper in refereed journal and make two paper presentations in conferences or seminars before submitting the thesis.

The Chairman of UGC M. Jagadesh Kumar says that while publishing a paper in a peer-reviewed journal is not mandatory anymore in order to curb unethical practices such as pay-to-publish or plagiarism, students should be motivated and trained to publish in peer-reviewed journals and present at conferences. He says that a one-size-fits-all approach is not desirable as doctorals in computer science prefer presenting their papers at conferences rather than publishing them in journals. Former UGC Chairman and Ambedkarite, Sukhdaeo Thorat, welcomed the move to discontinue publishing papers in journals as it would often lead poor candidates to pay to get published like their peers, as well as put them at a disadvantage as they wouldn't have contacts to get published. However, Jamia Milia Islamia Professor Furqan Qamar says that while these concerns are valid, there is a need to provide enhanced and cost-effective opportunities to the researcher to publish as there is a limited availability of quality journals but far more researchers. He cites from the Scopus database of scientific publications for 2020 to point out that India accounted for only 4.52% of total research papers in the world though it accounts for 12% of the global faculty pool.

Are there other concerns?

Experts like Professor Thorat say that discontinuing MPhils, along with the introduction of four-year BA course and 2-year MA course with multiple exits will hurt socially disadvantaged groups who may not be able to pay for longer-duration courses and may have to exit earlier, which will put them at a disadvantage in the job market. He adds that while a four-year Bachelors course will allow some students to pursue Masters abroad without studying for one more year, others will be discriminated against. Though UGC says the move is intended to attract younger students for research.

There are also concerns over diminishing scholarships and fellowships to support PhD scholars as well as severe shortage of teachers, impacting the number of research supervisors available.

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Why has France ended its military operations in Sahel?

What was the nature of France's security involvement in Africa? What has Paris achieved so far and did it outweigh the failures? Why is there a strong anti-French sentiment in the region?

Apoorva Sudhakar
Anu Maria Joseph

The story so far:

On November 9, French President Emmanuel Macron announced the end of the decade-long Operation Barkhane in Africa. Mr. Macron said that, "Our military support for African countries will continue, but according to new principles that we have defined with them."

What is Operation Barkhane?

France began its military operations in Sahel in January 2013. Titled Operation Serval, it was limited to targeting Islamic extremists linked to al-Qaeda who took control of northern Mali. However, in 2014, the mission was scaled up, renamed Operation Barkhane and was aimed at counter-terrorism. The objective was to assist local armed forces to prevent the resurgence of non-state armed groups across the Sahel region. Around 4,500 French personnel were deployed with the local joint counter-terrorism force.

Has France achieved its objectives?

French operations had two objectives in the Sahel. First, to liberate Mali from the insurgency in the north and second, to see through counter-terrorism operations in West Africa, including the neutralisation of key terrorists.

In its major successes, France regained Mali's northern regions from the extremists in 2014 through Operation Serval. In 2020, Abdel Malek Droukdel and Bah Ag Moussa, key leaders of al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb and al-Qaeda-affiliate Groupe de Soutien à l'Islam et aux Musulmans were killed in French-led operations. The 2014 success led to the inception of Operation Barkhane aimed at counter-terrorism in Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Chad. However, Operation Barkhane saw a series of failures.

First the region, despite the operation, witnessed the growth of new groups affiliated to terrorist organisations, including the Islamic State.

Second, the failure of the operation led to a humanitarian crisis. According to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED), the violence had claimed 5,450 lives across Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger in just the first half of 2022, recording a significant increase from the previous years. Further, the Africa Center for Strategic Studies recorded 2,005 incidents of Islamist violence in the Sahel in 2021, compared to the 1,180 incidents in the previous year. Third, Operation Barkhane's unfulfilled objective to resolve the region's insurgencies sparked an increase in civilian support to the military and has contributed to the subsequent political uncertainties in the Sahel.

Why did Mr. Macron pull out?

First, France's relations with the military rulers grew hostile after a series of coups in Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea. Relations between France and Mali soured after the latter expelled the French ambassador when he disagreed with the junta's decision to remain in power until 2025. In addition, France was contemptuous about Malian authorities negotiating a peace deal with insurgent groups. Secondly, since Operation Barkhane was widely perceived as a failure, anti-French sentiments and questions over France's intentions flared up, with a further demand for France's withdrawal from the region.

Finally, France, and other Western countries claim that the Wagner Group, a private military company close to the Kremlin, is playing a major role in fuelling the insurgency and discrediting French withdrawal. For Africa, the Wagner Group is an alternative that engages with military governments, without abiding to human rights and democratic standards.

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On Top Down Under: Jos Buttler and his men are on cloud nine after a triumph fashioned by Sam Curran's incisive spell and Ben Stokes' match-winning knock against Pakistan in Melbourne on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

England reigns in an edition replete with thrills and spills

Teams had oscillating fortunes as the tournament hopped across Australia for over a month

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

World Cups offer redemption and heart-break in equal measure besides some surprises. The latest ICC Twenty20 World Cup that concluded at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday was no exception with England emerging as the champion while Pakistan faltered in the final.

The two rivals weren't at their best when the group stages were on but as the championship hurtled towards its business-end, a second wind was garnered, and England and Pakistan were deserving finalists.

Sport at large and cricket specifically can turn on small margins and in those little moments of lasting impact, England was the better unit.

Pakistan's 137 for eight wasn't a daunting total but summit clashes drag in dollops of pressure and some chasing teams have wilted in the past. None will forget the great West Indies team collapsing while chasing a meagre 183 in the 1983 World Cup final against Kapil Dev's men at Lord's.

It is to England's credit that even when the Pakistani fast bowlers were relentless in phases, the batters, especially skipper Jos Buttler and the talismanic all-rounder Ben Stokes stayed in the hunt. Stokes chipped in an unbeaten 52, helming the chase as England survived a nervy interlude before concluding its pursuit at 138 for five in 19 overs.

Redemption

The back-story to what Stokes did is remarkable. Many will recall the 2016 ICC World T20 final at Kolkata's Eden Gardens when Carlos Brathwaite's four sixes off Stokes in the concluding over sealed the deal for the West Indies.

Subsequent to that Stokes has found his redemptive moments, be it winning the 2019 World Cup for Eoin Morgan's men or now being the last man standing on a feverish night at Melbourne.

A thrilled Buttler spoke about Stokes and said: "He has obviously never let that 2016 final sort of push him back, and you think of the things he has gone on to achieve in his career since then and it is just amazing."

Even within the micro-layers of this current World Cup, there were these comeback moments. England brushed aside a loss to Ireland, Pakistan did the same after succumbing to Zimbabwe.

Melbourne's quirky weather that is an alleged summer with undertones of rain, thankfully, did not queer the pitch. The expected rains stayed away except for the odd light drizzle. But much after the final ended, the skies opened up! And just like the whimsical climate, other teams had oscillating fortunes while the tournament hopped across Australia for over a month.

Former champions the West Indies failed to qualify, South Africa inexplicably crashed out while New Zealand and India topped Group 1 and 2 but faltered in the semifinals.

The Men in Blue did largely well until the meltdown in the last-four. The opening encounter against Pakistan was one for the ages with Virat Kohli's unbeaten 82 being a knock that will stand the test of time even if the T20 format is deemed as one that is transient unlike Test cricket.

Level-playing field

T20 with its abridged framework doesn't allow prolonged scrutiny of known inadequacies and by that sense it nearly offers a level-playing field. It is a structure that helps the minnows to punch above their weight and unites like Ireland and the Netherlands had their moments.

That Pakistan qualified for the climactic stage because the Netherlands upset South Africa shows how sport can alter scripts.

In an age when domestic T20 leagues with an international flavour, like the Indian Premier League or the Big Bash hold sway and trigger the 'club over country' debate, the T20 World Cup offers a strong counter. The last few weeks in Australia proved that.

Double delight

England became the second team after the West Indies to win the ICC T20 World Cup twice

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CLAT 2023 is scheduled to be conducted on December 18. CLAT is a national-level entrance examination for admissions to UG and PG law programmes offered by 22 National Law Universities in India. A release said candidates may raise any queries regarding CLAT 2023 by writing to clat@consortiumofnlus.ac.in or calling Ph.: 080-47162020.

Delivery boy who had taken to chain-snatching arrested

The Girinagar police have arrested a delivery executive who had allegedly taken to chain-snatching to sustain his vices. The arrested, Suresh, hails from Koppal district and had recently carried out three chain-snatchings in and around Girinagar and had fled to Koppal.

The police identified him from CCTV camera footage and tracked him down.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 14, Monday), the following explainer is available:

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Over 10,000 passengers using QR-based ticketing system to travel in metro

BMRCL introduced the QR ticketing system on Karnataka Rajyotsava day; passengers can buy tickets by using Namma Metro mobile app or through WhatsApp chatbot for single journey

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Added convenience: A file photo of passengers entering a metro train. The BMRCL is confident of the patronage for the new ticketing system increasing in the coming days. FILE PHOTO

Almost two weeks after its launch, the QR-based ticket system is being used by over 10,000 passengers for travelling in Namma Metro.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. managing director Anjum Parwez said that in addition to QR ticket usage, more than 30,000 passengers are using WhatsApp chatbot daily for various purposes, such as recharging metro smart cards, journey planning, locating nearest metro stations, and to get fare information.

"When we launched the QR-based ticketing system, it was started with 1,000 people buying tickets, and now it has crossed over 10,000 and the number will increase further in the coming days. We are happy to know that thousands are using the WhatsApp chatbot to avail of other services. The patronage will increase in the coming days," said Mr. Parwez.

On Karnataka Rajyotsava day, the BMRCL introduced a QR ticketing system. Metro passengers can buy a QR ticket by using Namma Metro mobile app or WhatsApp for single journey. Among the users, 70% are purchasing QR tickets through WhatsApp and the remaining on Namma Metro mobile app. Since October 2011, the BMRCL had only two options of traveling: Namma Metro contactless smart cards and tokens. Currently, on average, 5 lakh people travel in metro on weekdays and 3.5 lakh to 4 lakh on weekends.

Another option

People using the new QR system say that it has provided an option for more convenient travelling. "A few days ago, after entering the metro station, I realised that I had forgotten my smart card and wallet at home. I purchased a QR ticket on WhatsApp using my mobile. It is more convenient than buying a token at the counter."

Passengers using metro and city buses have been demanding that there should be a common ticketing system for both modes of travel. At present, people purchase two different tickets to travel in the metro and city buses operated by the BMTC. Though the Namma Metro has been operational since 2011, no common platform has been enabled for the benefit of the public.

KSRTC conductor helps nab thieves who had planned to repeat crime

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ashok Jadhav, KSRTC bus conductor

Passengers travelling in Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses have to be extra vigilant about their belongings. Now, thieves book tickets in advance and travel in premier buses to steal valuables from passengers.

In one such case, an alert conductor of the corporation, Ashok Jadhav, managed to catch two thieves who had booked tickets on an Airavat Club Class bus and were observing the movements of other passengers after boarding the bus at Majestic bus stand. Interestingly, the same thieves had stolen gold valuables and cash from a passenger four months ago by travelling in a bus from Bengaluru to Mangaluru.

On August 7, 2022, a person who had occupied seat number of 27 of Airavat Club Class bus operated from Bengaluru to Mangalguru got down near Uppinangady in Dakshina Kannada after requesting the bus crew stop vehicle to attend the nature's call around 5 a.m. After five minutes, another passenger who was travelling in seat number 28 too got down from the bus on the same pretext. The bus crew waited for 10 minutes, but both of them did not return.

Could not be traced

The conductor, Mr. Jadhav, tried to reach them by contacting their mobile numbers (displayed in the trip sheet of passengers who book tickets). When they did not return even after 15 minutes, the crew, passengers of the bus and local people searched nearby areas, but they were not traced. Later, the local police were informed about the incident. All the passengers were asked to check their luggage and the bus left the place after the passenger informed the crew that nothing was missing from their luggage.

However, around 10 a.m, one of the passengers, Lakshmi, called Mr. Jadhav and informed him that gold worth ₹2.5 lakh and cash were missing from her bag. The conductor informed this to his higher-ups. He again called the passengers who had deboarded the bus at Uppinangady, but there was no response. When officials checked the phone number of the passengers, it was found that two of them frequently travelled in club class buses by booking tickets on the online portal of the corporation. Later, a complaint was filed about the incident with the Bengaluru and Mangaluru police.

Caught after 4 months

After four months, on November 12, around 9.45 p.m, Mr. Jadhav, who was assigned duty for a bus operated on the same route, was checking the trip sheet when he noticed that two passengers who had occupied seat numbers 29 and 30 were observing the movements of other passengers. The conductor, who got suspicious, went near them. He then recalled that the two passengers were the same ones who had de-boarded the bus at Uppinangady four months ago.

After getting down from the bus, the conductor alerted his higher officials, who, in turn, alerted security staff of the bus stand. The two were then handed over to the Upparpet police.

KSRTC managing director Anbu Kumar has appreciated the work of Mr. Jadhav.

Residents protest to save playground

Bharath Gowda B.R.
BENGALURU

Opposing it: The government is set to build a school on Kempe Gowda playground, which R.R. Nagar residents say is the only space available for sports activities in the area. K. MURALI KUMAR

Residents of Rajarajeshwarinagar held a protest on Sunday to oppose the upcoming construction of a school on Kempe Gowda playground in BEML Layout.

The State government is set to build a school on the playground, spanning 1.6 acres, which the locals say is the only space available for people of all ages for sports activities in the area. Around 100 people use the ground daily, irrespective of their age, they said.

The playground was inaugurated by the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in December 2006. On November 6, local MLA and Horticulture Minister Muniratna laid the foundation stone for the construction of a government model school on playground, leaving the residents upset.

Ravindra D., a resident of R.R. Nagar for the past three decades, said, "We are requesting the government to build the school in any of the vacant civic amenities (CA) sites available in 155 acres of the layout, because this is the only functional playground. There is a government school within 500 m and three more schools in around a 2-km radius."

Vishal R. Suresh, another resident, said, according to BDA norms, the playground does not come under the CA site category and the BDA mentions a playground located at the site. "Building a school here is illegal. There is already a government school here till Class 8. They could have improved the existing school instead of building a new one on this playground in the name of development," he added.

Vijay Kumar, chief engineer of R.R. Nagar, along with Mallikarjun, Deputy Commissioner of BBMP, R.R. Nagar, visited the spot and assured the protesting residents that they would verify the records.

Woman, son found dead in their house

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BENGALURU

A woman and her son were found dead at their residence in Rajagopalanagar on Sunday morning. The deceased have been identified as Sreenivas, 33, and his mother, Bhagyamma, 57.

Sreenivas was working as a medical representative and was married eight years ago and the couple had a six-year-old son. Sreenivas hailed from Siddapura in Kodagu, where his parents stayed.

According to the police, a few days ago, Sreenivas had brought his ill mother to his house and this had caused a marital dispute between the couple. Sreenivas' wife was opposed to Bhagyamma staying with them and had quarrelled with the two even on Saturday before leaving for her parent's house, the police said.

Neighbours noticed they had not opened the door on Sunday till late morning and when they went to check on them, found the woman-son duo dead.

Rajagopalanagar police have registered a case of unnatural death.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

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RISE 22:44	SET 11:10
TUESDAY, NOV. 15	
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Mysuru	30	20
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Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C A dry weather is likely.Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be cool and hazy.

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Return of cultural events adds to the excitement of being back in school

CHILDREN'S DAY

Teachers and school managements are seeing events such as Children's Day, annual day, sports day as a way to boost children's confidence

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

There is quite a lot of excitement among children now as the academic year enters its last leg, also marking the beginning of cultural events. While the first half of the year was characterised by being back to school and coping with academics, now students are preparing to perform in Children's Day, annual day programmes, sports day, and talents day.

As most of these events are back to their former glory after a hiatus, school managements are also planning to conduct them on larger scales.

Teachers and school managements are seeing these events as a way to boost children's confidence. For Children's Day, at most schools, teachers are giving musical performances along with organising other fun games, skits, and lunch for all the students. Many class teachers are also taking up the initiative to bring gifts such chocolates, pens and pencils, or small books for the students in their class.

Active participation

"To teach children how to think, this year for Children's Day we are having a carnival. We will set up stalls for fun games, interesting activities, and food corner, all by our teachers. We are emphasising on students' participation rather than them being a mere audience. This is clubbed with a few of the teachers' performances," said Anitha M. Kalibhat, teacher and coordinator, Alpine Public School at Konanakunte.

Annual day

Although Karnataka Rajyotsava was on November 1, many school managements have organised the celebrations on a convenient date in the month to encourage their students to perform on stage. For instance, Vasavi Vidyaniketh an School on Vani Vilas Road has organised a Kannada Habba on November 15 where some students will be performing Veeragase and such other dances. "We will have a procession in the surrounding areas with Kannada placards which were prepared by our students. This habba has been organised to involve children in cultural celebrations," said Saraswathi, school principal.

In December and January, schools will also hold annual days with grandeur where parents will be invited to watch the students' performances. With many of these cultural events, teachers are also tasked with helping students, who were confined between walls for a better part of two years, to come out and perform in front of people with no fear or anxiety. There are also students who will be performing for the first time in front of hundreds of people.

"This is the first annual day celebration in three years. We have already started practice sessions even though the day is weeks away. We are celebrating it grandly. We have noticed that some children have some hesitancy to perform. But we will hold multiple rehearsals in front of other students and teachers so that they get ready for the big day," said B.S. Venkatachala, principal, Narayana School, Vidyaranyapura.

Competitive spirit

With regular physical education classes and training, students' sports skills are now back to pre-pandemic levels, schools say. To encourage them further, annual sports day events will be organised by the end of the year in most schools. "We are not celebrating the annual day this time, but depending on when the weather is conducive, we will organise our sports day and children are very much looking forward to participate and win prizes," said Selvaraj, principal, ACTS Secondary School, Electronics City.

READER'S MAIL

Motorists hit hard by incomplete underpass

Sir, – The inordinate delay in the construction of the underpass on HAL Airport Road near Suranjan Das Road junction has highly inconvenienced motorists, especially those travelling to and from Marathahalli ORR and Bellandur, which houses many IT companies. Similarly, vehicles coming from Old Madras Road heading towards Domlur or Marathahalli from HAL main gate junction do not find a smooth passage. Employees of HAL and IT companies are hit hard. The BBMP had set a deadline of six months to complete the underpass when the work began in May 2019. Even after three years, the underpass has not been completed. The authorities are requested to complete the work at the earliest to make the signal-free corridor between Vellara junction (Richmond Road) and Hope Farm Junction (in Whitefield) a reality. It should also be ensured that the underpass does not get flooded during rains. Almost every underpass in Bengaluru suffers from this defect.

N. Savitha Reddy,
Bengaluru

Come to the rescue of investors

Sir, – Everyone in the city is perhaps aware of the shady operations in Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank, Basavanagudi, and the moratorium imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on its operations since January 2020. Till January 2020, the bank had an 'A' rating, giving high hopes for investors to get good returns. Now, the RBI has issued another notification extending the moratorium till February 2023. In these nearly four years, investors have been kept in the dark as to what would be the bank's fate and whether our hard-earned money is safe. The government should intervene to stop any further extension of the moratorium by the RBI and help the depositors to get back their money.

Sridhar R.,
Bengaluru

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Are data localisation requirements necessary and proportionate?

Most countries mandate data created within their borders to remain stored within its borders. Such stringent laws, while allowing governments and their law enforcement agencies to work more efficiently, will result in hindrance of global trade and increase the operational costs of businesses

Nikhil Naren

The importance and use of data in today's technology-driven world is immense. This is understood by both governments and businesses alike. The cross-border data flow has proven to be an important pillar of strength for established as well as growing businesses. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in their Digital Economy Report found that businesses using the internet for global trade have a higher survival rate than those who do not. Therefore, it becomes essential for economies [especially growing economies] to protect data during cross-border transfers. Countries mandate data that are created within their borders to remain stored within its territorial boundaries. This process of storing data locally is referred to as data localisation. The emphasis on the requirement of data localisation has been pressing under the data protection laws of various countries, however with a varying magnitude.

The need for data localisation

The requirement of data localisation strengthens the protection of personal data, as all of us while using the internet are sending data in some manner or form. For instance, obligations under the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), obligates businesses in the EU to keep the data secured within the boundaries of the EU. If in any case such data are to be transferred to a different country, they need to have similar protections like those that exist in the EU. Countries like Russia on the other hand has stricter laws pertaining to the cross-border flow of data and emphasises keeping data within the Russian Federation. What becomes important for us to understand here is that such strict measures may also demotivate businesses to operate in Russia and does not let neither the government nor the businesses cull-out the maximum potential that data could offer. Keeping this in mind, post-Brexit, it was decided that most data could continue to flow from the EU and the European Economic Area without the need for additional safeguards to the U.K. but, in the case of 'restricted transfers', U.K. laws are mirrored as the GDPR. One can, therefore, reasonably infer that the motive for different governments to store data locally is not only to protect the privacy of their citizens but also to exercise their control on the data, which is fuelling and driving businesses in their countries, for law enforcement purposes.

While governments try to reap the most by exploiting data to drive their economy, there are various other challenges that can shoot up due to non-uniform data localisation laws around the globe. Another aspect related to this is the size of the population and subsequently the respective consumer markets. For an effective data localisation framework to be in place, the objectives undertaken by different governments need to be re-assessed to see if there tends to be a uniformity in the nature of data that different businesses operate and exploit.

India being one of the most powerful markets in terms of data creation and use, the need for data localisation is essential. The recently withdrawn Bill on data protection also emphasised this fact. While some governments may feel that such a move "will serve as a significant barrier to digital trade", there is a necessity of such requirement as law enforcement agencies in India face a lot of difficulties in getting timely access to data that may be stored elsewhere by businesses operating in India. In a similar pattern, due to the increasing number of digital payments in the country, the Reserve Bank of India has also mandated payment system data information to be stored in India for better monitoring and safety.

The flip side

But as it is rightly said, every coin has two sides. The present technology-powered age is impacting trade on a different level. Therefore, imposing restrictions in the free flow of data can not only create an impact on the global economy but also become a hindrance for local markets.

If governments look at data localisation from the point of security and counter data breaches, it can, due to the forced localisation of data, make data security more vulnerable as the data no longer undergoes sharding. This is particularly true of countries with poor IT infrastructure. Moreover, developed countries may use sophisticated tools for data surveillance which can simply forfeit the purpose of achieving data security through relocation. There can also be an increased risk of local surveillance through the implementation of stringent data localisation laws. Additionally, the varied nature of compliances amongst different countries can pose another set of difficulties. For instance, companies using the top-level domain of Kazakhstan (.kz) must function from physical servers located within the country. Malaysia requires consent for international transfer of data and Australia prevents the transfer of identifiable health records outside the country. A lot of countries prohibit transfer of data on the account of 'national interest' which is a very broad term and could encompass various situations. Such variations can foster varied set of challenges in different settings and nature of businesses.

Further, the mandate of data localisation increases the operational costs of the businesses. Another downside of this could be promotion of monopoly and eradication of small and mid-size businesses from the market. Therefore, the impact is not only felt by these businesses but also by the daily consumers who would be deprived of making choices when they wish to avail these services or purchase goods. Secondly, the nature of automation followed in the data centres that are set up to store data locally, does not foster employment opportunities but instead incurs high investment and energy costs.

A multiple stakeholder approach

Data is the enabler of businesses and digitisation that has been essential for growth and innovation. In this age of rapid technological growth, governments should shift to alternate standards (such an encryption) rather than enforcing strict measures on data localisation that could restrict trade and innovation. One should also reflect on how far we can go with a sovereignty-based model in a digitally connected world. It has become increasingly troublesome to solve jurisdictional issues in case of cybercrimes and online defamation which rely heavily on international cooperation between countries, making it difficult and expensive for prosecutors to act. Therefore, a way forward could be to move with a multiple stakeholder approach which can not only help in looking at data localisation alone, but also other issues such as privacy and governance.

The 'glocalization' approach is one such method in the digital space, wherein laws can be harmonised globally, but by paying attention to local interests. Last but not the least, with the pressing need for data localisation by the governments, it becomes important to assess the security of domestic systems for storing sensitive data. There is no denying the fact that robustness of IT systems should become more important than the geographical location of data storage.

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KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

Look at him, happily whistling that jaunty tune!

If he does not call me back by tomorrow, I will have to march in there and beard a lion in its den

S. Upendran

What is the difference between 'happy' and 'jaunty'? (M. Ganesh, Mysore)

In everyday contexts, 'happy' is the more frequently used word. Everyone feels happy sometime or the other, and they show their happiness in different ways. Federer, for example, used to cry whenever he won a Grand Slam tournament. This was his way of showing happiness. But not everyone is like Federer – they do not wear their heart on their sleeve. There are people who do not show their happiness through their behaviour. They may remain content within, and choose not to display their feelings to the outside world. So, you may or may not know when a person is truly happy.

The happy fans were jumping up and down even before the final whistle was blown.

'Jaunty', on the other hand, has a slightly different meaning than 'happy'. The word can be used with people and things. For example, one can refer to one's cap as being 'jaunty'. When you refer to someone as being 'jaunty', what you are suggesting is that he is very cheerful or upbeat most of the time. This cheerfulness is there for everyone to see – it may be reflected in the way the person walks or in the stylish manner he dresses. The word comes from the French 'janty' meaning 'elegant, stylish'. In addition to his cheerfulness, a jaunty individual is also someone who is very confident about himself. He is a happy individual and he wants the world to know it. Unlike 'happiness', 'jauntiness' cannot be hidden; it is there for everyone to see.

Harish walked into the room wearing a jaunty grin on his face.

What is the meaning and origin of the idiom 'beard a lion in its den'? (R. Sulochana, Madurai)

The expression comes from a story in the Bible. The word 'beard' in the expression 'beard a lion in its den' is being used as a verb and not a noun – therefore, it has nothing to do with the hair that grows on an individual's face. When used as a verb, 'beard' means to 'confront' or 'challenge'. Therefore, when you 'beard a lion in its den', what is it that you are doing? You are challenging or taking on someone who is very strong/powerful. You are taking the risk of challenging this individual, not in some neutral territory, but on his turf – his familiar surroundings. You are taking the battle or fight to him. Nowadays, the expression is mostly used to mean that you will be speaking your mind and saying things that he does not wish to hear.

If the MLA refuses to do something about our problem, then we'll have to beard the lion in his den.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Claude Monet, French painter and founder of impressionist painting, was born today in 1840. Here's a quiz on famous painters

Ranjani Srinivasan

QUESTION 1

This painter was financially unsuccessful during his lifetime, and was considered a madman and a failure. Known for *Sunflowers* (1887) and *The Starry Night* (1889), he became renowned after he took his life. Name the painter.

QUESTION 2

Identify the drawing by Leonardo da Vinci that is drawn from the writings by the ancient Roman architect Vitruvius. It depicts a nude man in two superimposed positions with his arms and legs apart, inscribed in both a circle and square.

QUESTION 3

Name the sculptor who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, considered one of the most influential frescoes in the history of Western art.

QUESTION 4

Identify this Malayali painter who is hailed as the first modern Indian artist due to his use of Western aesthetics in depictions of Indian mythology and daily life.

QUESTION 5

Name this painter, known for his characteristic flamboyant moustache, who painted *The Persistence of Memory* (1931).

QUESTION 6

Name this twentieth century Mexican painter, commonly regarded as a feminist icon, who is best known for her self-portraits.

QUESTION 7

Which work of Monet's did climate activists recently throw mashed potatoes at?

Visual question:

Depicted in the image above is Mahatma Gandhi. Identify this Indian painter known for his distinctive style.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the November 11 edition of the daily quiz: 1. The place in France where the Armistice was signed. **Ans: Compiègne.**

2. The Armistice day is called this in the Commonwealth and the U.S. **Ans: Remembrance Day and Veterans Day**

3. This idea has now become part of a ritual followed on the Armistice day. **Ans: Observing silence for some minutes**

4. The Edward Lutyens-designed war memorial in London is located here. **Ans: The Cenotaph in Whitehall**

5. This treaty officially ended WWI. **Ans: Treaty of Versailles**

6. This famous song by Irving Berlin debuted on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938. **Ans: 'God Bless America'**

Visual: This flower was projected on the Sydney Opera House on the centenary of the end of WWI. **Ans: Red poppies**

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Word of the day

Finagle:
achieve something by means of trickery or devious methods

Synonyms:
manage, wangle

Usage:
He finagled into the wedding by claiming he was a photographer

Pronunciation: bit.ly/finaglepro

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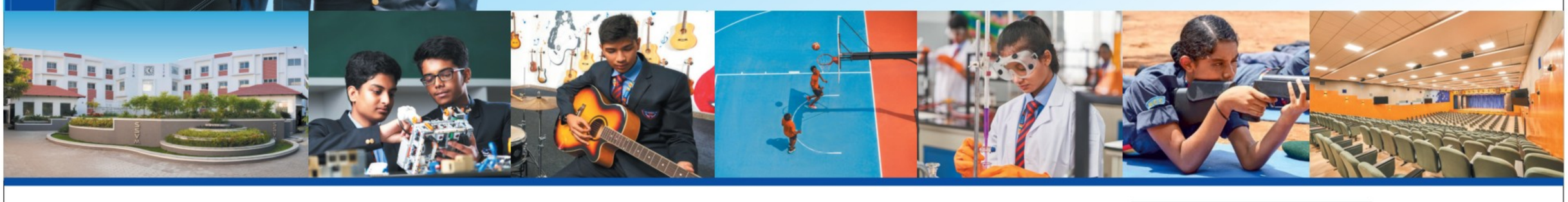

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INBRIEF

Inclusion of dominant castes in Category 2A opposed

In light of the Panchamasali Lingayats holding a convention demanding their inclusion in Category 2A of the State OBC reservation matrix in Gokak on Sunday, the Madiwala Community Foundation has opposed the inclusion of any "dominant and larger" castes in 2A. "The communities demanding inclusion under category 2A are land owning communities, educationally forward, have been represented from gram panchayats to Parliament, and are already getting reservation under a different category. Including them under 2A will be an injustice," the statement said.

Pancharatna Yatra postponed again owing to rains

The Pancharatna Yatra of the Janata Dal (Secular), which was to commence from Monday, is likely to commence on November 18 or 20. Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy told presspersons here on Sunday that the yatra had been postponed owing to rains, and that the party has decided to postpone it by another week since rains are predicted again. The yatra will travel in Old Mysore region till December 29 and will start in Kalyana Karnataka region from January 3. By March, the plans are to cover 120 Assembly constituencies, he added.

Siddaramaiah to contest from Kolar?

While visiting the town, he said he would return during filing of papers; analysts say it won't be easy for the ex-CM in the faction-ridden Congress unit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah being greeted by supporters in Kolar on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amidst ridicule by the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders over the quest for a safe seat to contest in the 2023 Assembly elections, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Sunday dropped hints of Kolar Assembly constituency as his possible choice on a day he was given a rousing welcome by thousands of his followers in this town.

Though Kolar was long speculated, Mr. Siddaramaiah during a visit to the town, about 80 km from here, on Sunday told a gathering that "he would return during nomination" after arriving in a bus with well-decked interiors readied for election campaign. This was the first hint overtly from the former Chief Minister, who is known to have been looking at nearly a dozen constituencies to zero in on a safe seat. Currently, Kolar is represented by Srinivas Gowda, who won on Janata Dal (Secular) ticket, but has identified himself with Congress.

In what looked like an election fever, the former Chief Minister - seemed like appeasing communities - garlanded statues of B.R. Ambedkar, Sangolli Rayanna, Sarvajna, Mahatma Gandhi, and Maharshi Valmki, among others. On a packed day, he went to Kolaramma temple, dargha and a church in Kolar. It was at the Methodist Church that he said: "I will have to come during nomination. I will come again then. I appeal to all of you to support Congress this time."

Earlier, speaking to presspersons in Bengaluru, he said that though he had been invited by his followers in at least four constituencies, he had not decided on it yet.

While the former Chief Minister lost his elections from Chamunedeshwari constituency in Mysuru district after leaving his stronghold Varuna constituency to his son Yathindra, he scraped through in Badami constituency in the 2018 elections. Political analysts believe that it is not going to be easy for Mr. Siddaramaiah in a faction-ridden Kolar Congress unit with former Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar, a supporter for Mr. Siddaramaiah, and former Union Minister K.H. Muniyappa not seeing eye to eye. Even on Sunday, followers of Mr. Muniyappa raised pro-Muniyappa slogans during Mr. Siddaramaiah's event.

Criticised

Meanwhile, the BJP ridiculed Mr. Siddaramaiah for looking at different constituencies for next elections. Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said in Hubballi that Mr. Siddaramaiah lost Chamundeshwari because he did not work and urged people of Kolar to reject him.

Transport Minister B. Sriramulu, who lost to Mr. Siddaramaiah by a narrow margin in Badami, said: "Kolar rounds is a poll gimmick. Finally, he will contest from Varuna. He will lose wherever he contests from in the next elections."

Speaking near Gangavati in Koppal district, the Minister said: "Mr. Siddaramaiah is scared of (KPCC president) D.K. Shivakumar than the BJP."

While in Tumakuru, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said he did not know why he was contesting in Kolar since it was not safe, the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said: "I do not know why he is leaving Badami. May be he is scared since he has not worked well."

In Bengaluru, Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said that the party is not worried about Mr. Siddaramaiah's entry as it had identified an able candidate for the constituency. "Mr. Srinivas Gowda himself will be a problem for the Congress as local people are angry with his decision to side Congress," he said.

Statue for Tipu, 'valorisation' of the 18th century ruler questioned

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A play on Tipu Sultan, written by A.C. Cariappa, Director of Rangayana, being released by writer S.L. Bhyrappa in Mysuru on Sunday. Pratap Simha, Mysuru MP, is seen. M.A. SRIRAM

Writer S.L. Bhyrappa questioned the need for a statue for Tipu Sultan (as announced by Tanvir Sait, MLA) and the ''tendency and mindset'' to valourise the 18th century ruler.

He was speaking during the release of the play ''Real Dreams of Tipu'' written by Addanda C. Caraiappa, director of theatre repertory Rangayana, here on Sunday.

Mr. Bhyrappa said that the 108-ft-tall statue of Kempe Gowda was erected in recognition of his contribution to the growth and development of a city. But to announce that a 100-ft-tall statue of Tipu Sultan would also be erected is a reflection of mindset to deify persons against whom people nurse grievances, said Mr. Bhyrappa. ''While Tipu is valorised despite all evidence of his true nature, the same people do not care much for A.PJ. Abdul Kalam," he added.

Mr. Bhyrappa said that the 18th century ruler of Mysore had introduced Persian lingo and words in revenue affairs and hence could not be considered as pro-Kannada as being touted by the supports of ruler. Tipu had also changed the names of many towns and cities and this was nothing short of imposing a new culture, said Mr. Bhyrappa. ''Villages, towns and cities have historical and cultural associations and abrogating a name amounts to imposing a new culture," he added.

Mr. Bhyrappa referred to Tipu Drop at Nandi Hills near Bengaluru, which is associated with the ruler and where the prisoners were said to be plunged to their death, and said this is a reflection of Tipu's cruelty. The Jayanti celebrations are reserved for saints and gods and Mr. Bhyrappa wondered how it could be introduced in Tipu's name.

Pratap Simha, Mysuru MP, questioned the sobriquet of "Tiger of Mysore" accorded to Tipu and claimed that he never won a war and instead capitulated to the British in the third Anglo Mysore war in 1792 before losing his life in the 1799 battle at Srirangapatna.

Mr. Simha said it was also a fallacy to justify valorisation of Tipu on the grounds that he fought against the British. "The British forces also comprised armies of the Marathas, the kingdom of Travancore and the Hyderabad Nizams and hence could these kingdoms be considered anti-India," he questioned.

Claiming that modern Mysuru had nothing to do with Tipu, Mr. Simha said instead there was the stamp of the contribution of the Wadiyars to the development of the city and the entire region and hence he would work to honour their memory.

Mr. Cariappa claimed that the play was based on letters of Tipu and other historical documents which unmasks the ruler who has been valorised by historians, a section of intellectuals and politicians in "pursuit of vote-bank politics".

Chief Secretary or CM has to respond to protocol violation: Kumaraswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP not inviting Opposition leaders for the unveiling ceremony of Kempe Gowda's statue has not gone well with Congress and JD(S)

Continuing his tirade against not inviting former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda to the unveiling ceremony of statue of Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Sunday said that it was the duty of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai or Chief Secretary Vanditha Sharma to respond to violation of the protocol and not the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"The BJP is twisting facts after Janata Dal (Secular) took objection. This was not a programme organised by Keshava Krupa (RSS State office). Spreading lies is the culture of the BJP that started Operation Kamala," Mr. Kumaraswamy tweeted.

He said the JD(S) has never used Mr. Gowda for caste politics. The media has already reported the aim of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's half day visit to Bengaluru, he said in an obvious reference to reports that Mr. Modi tried to woo different communities during his Bengaluru visit.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said: "The BJP has been portraying our questioning of ignoring Mr. Gowda as a crime. Let us also see how many times the Prime Minister will keep coming to Karnataka in the next six months."

The BJP not extending invitation to leaders from the Opposition for the unveiling ceremony of Kempe Gowda's statue has not gone well with the parties, particularly JD(S) as its stronghold is in the areas dominated by Vokkaliga community to which Kempe Gowda belongs.

State to get media training academy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka, which has over 150 years of exposure in media activities, may soon get a new academy in Bengaluru to train students and working journalists on various facets of media.

To facilitate this, a tripartite agreement between the Skill Development Department of the State government, Karnataka Media Academy (KMA) and a suitable training outfit would be initiated, said C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister, while speaking at the 40th anniversary of Doordarshan Foundation Day and also KMA's 40th anniversary here on Sunday.

"The government is willing to do whatever it takes to support the opening of a media training centre that will offer a suitable learning environment for media learning," he said.

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Opposition in ruling party

Even though he is part of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, MLC and former Minister A.H. Vishwanath's actions and utterances do not suggest so, particularly in the recent past.

He does not lose any opportunity to lash out at the government and the party. During the last few days, he has not only identified lapses by the government in the conduct of recent Dasara festival and Kanaka Jayanthi celebrations in Mysuru, but also found fault with his party government for not inviting former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and former Chief Ministers Siddaramaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy for the function to unveil the 108-feet bronze statue of Bengaluru's founder Kempe Gowda.

On Friday, he even turned up at the Tipu Jayanthi function organised by Tipu Jayanthi Rajyothsava Forum in Mysuru to lavish praise on the eighteenth century warrior king, who is targeted by the saffron outfits.

Even though there is speculation about him returning to the Congress fold, Mr. Vishwanath, for now, appears to be playing the role of an Opposition in the ruling party.

Satish Jarkiholi and Wikipedia

It is not everyday that a politician blames Wikipedia for inputs he got for his speech. After his comments on the origin of the word "Hindu" drew criticism by the BJP, forcing him to withdraw it, Congress leader Satish Jarkiholi (*in picture*) said that his sources were a few articles cited on Wikipedia and other websites and a few books. He had said in his speech that the word "Hindu" has "dirty and insulting" connotations. However, this reference is not found on the Wikipedia page on Hinduism, which is a semi-protected page and cannot be edited by non-registered users. The other sources, however, were mentioned in the first clarification issued by the leader, which too he withdrew later. They include a book by Dayananda Saraswati and Lala Lajpat Rai, besides a Persian-English dictionary. Though Mr. Jarkiholi's office issued a different clarification that was carried by newspapers the next day, his followers continue to repeat these sources. In fact, they have begun cyber battles with Mr. Jarkiholi's detractors. So what is the leader's next step? According to his supporters, he now wants to organise a workshop for youth on editing Wikipedia, so that different points of view are reflected online. "A lot of his young followers are demanding that we organise Wikipedia reading and writing workshops. We are seriously considering the demand. They will soon be held in the training centres in Ghataprabha, Belagavi and Gokak," a close follower of Mr. Jarkiholi said.

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EDUCATIONPLUS

Create safe spaces

On Children's Day, an educator writes about how institutions can promote students' mental and emotional well-being

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The pandemic-led lockdown triggered a spike in mental health problems, particularly among children and teenagers. Several factors such as the child's developmental stage, present educational standing, whether or not he/she has special needs, a pre-existing mental health condition, and economic adversity influenced the severity of the impact. Measures such as closing schools and activity centres for extended periods have led to feelings of isolation, anxiety, and uncertainty. As a result, there is a need to improve access to mental and emotional support.

Educational institutions must encourage students to make healthy lifestyle choices and recognise the effects of those decisions on their health and well-being and be a resource to help them grow and develop holistically. Promoting students' mental health and well-being has a central role in the educational journey: it builds resilience against adversity, creates protective factors against mental ill-health and equips them with skills and confidence to seek help for early intervention.

In a safe setting, students should be encouraged to think critically, analyse information, and understand the influence of society through media, peer pressure, and family values. Further, mental health and academic achievement are inextricably related. Students who are emotionally well are more likely to experiment with new ideas and ways of problem-solving, both being key components of academic achievement.

What to do

Here are some ways to promote emotional and mental well-being in educational institutions:

Using student-centred teaching strategies that promote a pleasant environment and students' well-being such as cooperative learning.

Combating bullying and harassment by establishing groups and other student-led activities.

Developing a curriculum that addresses and supports positive mental health.

Having a dedicated team that focuses on wellness initiatives and works with vulnerable pupils.

Establishing policies and processes that promote well-being.

In order to foster a sense of belonging among students, educational institutions must emphasise the development of an inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their socio-economic or cultural background or gender. A good place to start is by emphasising positive body image among young people and minimising the harmful impacts that low body confidence can have. Students' interests should be promoted and they should be reassured that their feelings and emotions are being taken into account. Educators must express interest in the students, discover any differences and then blur these while working with them.

When educational institutions have a safe and joyful atmosphere, the students' academic results improve, as do behavioural and mental health issues. In a majority of cases, mental health issues begin in the teens. So instead of sitting back and waiting for students to approach one for help, educators must get out there and talk to them in a face-to-face classroom setting, conduct group discussions to learn more about their perceptions of mental health and, most importantly, use classroom time to talk about issues that affect us on a daily basis.

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Zero-tolerance for bullying

International Stand Up to Bullying Day falls on November 19 this year, and Think Academia's global initiative aims to create awareness about the rising incidence of academic bullying

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"Ph.D. scholars suffer bullying, blackmail, and humiliation if they don't cater to unfair demands such as denying well-planned and pre-approved leaves, compulsory attendance on Sundays, disagreement over scientific ideas, or even asking for salary from the existing grant. Often, they do not complain because they are afraid that their letters of recommendation may suffer," says one doctoral student.

Another post-doctoral student from Europe adds, "Do not pretend nothing happened. I recognised it, the institution didn't and it has had a serious impact on my personal life."

A third student from North America says that racism is still prevalent in academia. "I have been waiting for my Master's advisor to read my papers for three years while she continues to prioritise other students' papers over mine. It makes no sense and I have done nothing except for being the only non-white student in the group."

These are only a few results from a recent survey on bullying in academia, in which one-third of the respondents said they had suffered due to this issue. Apart from bullying by someone in a position of power or authority, there are also instance where a student is subjected to abuse and persecution from colleagues.

FREEPIK

Nearly 40% of the respondents indicated that their organisations lacked stringent policies to avert or act against such hostile behaviour, which is one of the major factors negatively affecting mental health and well-being.

These insights don't stand alone. Over the past few years, a growing body of evidence has consistently pointed to an alarming incidence of bullying in academic institutions.

Towards a better place

It is to combat this global academic culture that technology company Cactus Communication launched the THINK Academia initiative. THINK stands for Thoughtful, Humane, Inclusive, Nurturing and Kind – all the qualities necessary to create a better, safer, and more welcoming environment for researchers globally. It aims to make researchers and academic institutions more aware of what bullying looks like in academia, how frequently it happens and the various forms it could take.

"The CACTUS Mental Health Survey was only the beginning of our quest to support researchers and the academic community," says Abhishek Goel, CEO and Co-founder, CACTUS Communication.

Over the past few years, a growing body of evidence has consistently pointed to an alarming incidence of bullying in academic institutions.

"We believe that the vast majority of researchers are willing to declare their support for best practices and also fully inform themselves on what constitutes academic bullying. THINK Academia will work towards creating a better academia: one where bullying is no longer ignored."

A set of practical guidelines centred on how researchers and research institutions can not only avoid and prevent incidents of bullying but also promote and embody more positive behaviour has been framed. The goals include building awareness and acknowledging the problem, recognising the issue of increasing incidents by highlighting data, personal stories, and experiences; calling attention to acts of bullying by creating and maintaining an open list of acts, behaviours, and communications that qualify as academic bullying, including those that might be subtle, non-verbal, and invisible; encouraging policy creation and reform through creation and implementation of strict policies to prevent, detect, and take action against bullying; building of safe channels for targets to talk about and report a grievance or complaint; prescribing an ideal code of conduct that encourages researchers globally to lead with kindness and empathy, and be unbiased, respectful, and polite in their professional personal interactions; and to advocate for change and call upon researchers and institutions to adopt and practice zero-tolerance for bullying acts, behaviours, and incidents.

In its mission to create awareness, CACTUS has also created a pledge against bullying that people can sign either as an individual or on behalf of an institution.

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For more details about forms of bullying and what you can do visit https://bit.ly/3tnkxTq

Find your calling

Uncertain about your career options? Low on self-confidence? This career counselling column may help

OFF THE EDGE
Nandini Raman

I had only an average score in Class 12. I'm totally confused about what to do. Everyone says find your interest but I don't know how to do that. I also have to support my family financially. Rakesh

Dear Rakesh,

Please get in touch with a good career counsellor who will help you identify your basic personality type and core career-oriented skills and traits to help you understand and shortlist your area of interest and aptitude. .

I am 17 and took my board exams earlier in the year. I have a goal and roadmap regarding my life and even motivate others to be productive. I deleted my social networking profiles to prepare for my board exams. But I feel alone and lonely. What should I do? Sushant

Dear Sushant,

What are you doing now? Do you enjoy the course you are doing? What makes you feel alone and lonely? Have you tried developing new hobbies and interests? How long have you been feeling this way? Do you have any good friends in the new course? Though you can reinstall social media, we need to develop real one-on-one friendships and not merely thrive off virtual connects. Try exercising regularly and playing a sport. Volunteering for a cause close to your heart can also give you meaning and purpose. If you still feel alone and lonely a week from now, please get yourself evaluated by a counselling psychologist.

I will finish my B.A. (JMC) this year. I have done internships in digital marketing and content writing. I am giving entrance exams for Master's but am really confused about what to do next. Muskan

Dear Muskan,

Go ahead with your Master's. Start networking and look for some part-time job options in digital marketing and content writing if you enjoy this. It will take you about 12-15 months to stabilise and find something that you deeply enjoy. By then you will be nearing the end of your course. If you are not happy working, you can consider moving industries and go ahead with core journalism and mass communications after your Masters.

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Karnataka to colour code Viveka classrooms in saffron

Minister B.C. Nagesh defends scheme, saying that the colour was chosen by architects

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Viveka, the new government classroom scheme, will be officially launched on November 14, on Children's Day in Kalaburagi district and the Karnataka government has decided to colour code them in saffron.

Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh at the Vidya Dana Samiti Education Society function in Gadag on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

8,100 new classrooms

The State government is planning to construct 8,100 new classrooms in government schools across the State and decided to name them after Swami Vivekananda.

All the classrooms will be in the same structure and colour, and will have the sayings of Swami Vivekananda on the walls and the pillars.

Earlier, the Department of School Education and Literacy had not revealed the colour coding of the Viveka classrooms.

However, speaking at the centenary celebrations of the 'Vidya Dana Samiti Education Society in Gadag on Sunday, B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy said: "Viveka new classrooms will be in saffron colour, not because of the ideology it denotes, but because the architects suggested it."

'Political agenda'

However, various educationists and progressive thinkers have opposed the government move and condemned the government's idea of using Swami Vivekananda for their "political agenda". They also alleged that this is another step towards saffronisation of education system.

Niranjanaradhya V.P., Development Educationist, said: "Why do we use religious symbols in secular institutions? Moreover, from the pedagogical point, what we need is child-friendly and learning enabling classrooms. There are ample opportunities to use local thematics, pictures, flora and fauna, etc., to make classrooms attractive to children of that region which is also a process of learning in itself. The nature of the minister is to do things as per whims and fancies guided by the political ideology he represents. This is clearly politicisation, communalisation and new form of saffronisation of education. This is against the core values of the Constitution that emphasises the secular fabric of social institutions including public schools."

But, the minister defended the move and said, "The State government does not get into things like the colour of walls or windows. Such decisions are left to the architects. We have chosen the colour as the architects suggested it. Some people look for opportunities to politicise everything. They seem to be allergic to the colour saffron. They oppose it where ever it can be seen. I ask them why do you not oppose the national flag as it has saffron too? I ask them why do you not apply the colour green everywhere?," he asked.

What is Viveka scheme

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Under the Viveka classroom scheme, the old and non-functional classrooms will be replaced. And the department will be constructing new classrooms in the new schools like Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) or Adarsha Schools and others where classrooms are required.

The department has approved around ₹992 crore for this scheme and around 7,000 Viveka classrooms will be constructed by the State fund, SCP/TSP, SDP fund. Remaining 1,100 classrooms will be building by Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board (KKRDB) fund.

Vishal R., Commissioner for Department of Public Instruction, said the Viveka Classroom scheme will be officially launched in Kalaburagi by the Chief Minister.

"The classrooms will be also inaugurated on the same day by the MLA in all the constituencies, where the construction work is completed," he added.

TRS MLAs approach police saying they are getting threat calls

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Two of the four TRS legislators in Telangana who were subjects of the purported poaching by three accused persons allegedly affiliated to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), reportedly received threatening calls from unknown numbers.

The legislators – Pilot Rohith Reddy of Tandur and B. Harshavardhan Reddy of Kollapur – approached the police and reported about it for further probe.

According to Mr. Rohith Reddy's complaint, he had received calls from several numbers suspected to be originating from Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. The callers reportedly used vulgar language and said that they would eliminate him.

A petition was submitted to the Madhapur police.

Mr. Harshavardhan Reddy too complained of threatening calls and submitted his petition to the Banjara Hills police. Preliminarily, it was suspected that the calls were made via Voice over Internet Protocol technology. The police booked a case pressing charges of criminal intimidation and related provisions under the IPC.

Demolished commercial structures of one of the accused in the TRS MLAs poaching case in Hyderabad. NAGARA GOPAL

Gathering evidence

Meanwhile, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) for the probe of the alleged attempts to poach the four TRS MLAs, recorded at a farmhouse in Moinabad October last week, has sent special teams to various States for gathering related evidence in the case.

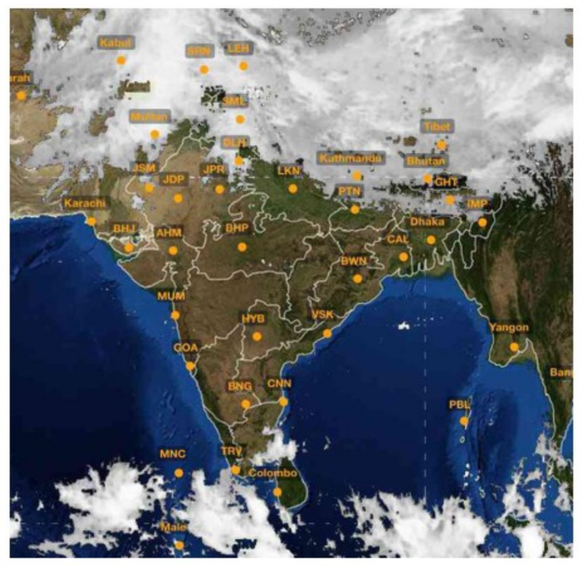
It was learnt that the teams had visited Kerala, Karnataka, Haryana, and parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, where the three accused persons, Ramachandra Bharati alias Satish Sharma, Nanda Kumar and Simhayaji Swamy, own properties and businesses. It was reported that more persons, allegedly linked to the conspiracy, would be questioned and are likely to be added to the list of accused persons in the case.

The demolition squad of GHMC on Sunday pulled down the unauthorised commercial structures constructed by Nanda Kumar, one of the three accused in the poaching of TRS MLAs, adjoining his 'Deccan Kitchen' hotel in Filmnagar.

Nanda Kumar's wife Chitra objected to the demolition saying there was no prior notice served to them. But, the GHMC officials said they had served the notice in the past.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Squally weather likely to prevail over Lakshadweep area and adjoining Southeast Arabian Sea. Fishermen are advised not to venture into these areas.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.6	19.6	Kozhikode	0.3	34.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	33.0	17.6	Kurnool	—	32.5	22.9
Aizawl	—	24.6	10.8	Lucknow	—	28.6	14.2
Allahabad	—	30.0	15.0	Madurai	8.0	29.8	23.0
Bengaluru	22.8	23.8	19.4	Mangaluru	—	32.5	24.8
Bhopal	—	28.6	13.6	Mumbai	—	33.8	24.5
Bhubaneswar	—	13.6	18.5	Mysuru	13.0	29.7	18.2
Chandigarh	—	27.1	9.7	New Delhi	—	27.6	13.6
Chennai	44.0	28.1	24.0	Patna	—	24.4	14.4
Coimbatore	20.0	27.6	21.6	Port Blair	—	31.5	26.2
Dehradun	—	26.9	10.0	Puducherry	6.1	30.4	22.8
Gangtok	—	16.6	9.4	Pune	—	30.5	16.3
Goa	—	34.4	22.2	Raipur	—	30.0	14.5
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Hubballi	—	29.0	20.0	Shillong	—	20.1	10.4
Hyderabad	—	30.6	18.6	Shimla	—	16.8	7.8
Imphal	—	27.0	11.1	Srinagar	—	13.8	0.8
Jaipur	—	29.6	15.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.6	23.8
Kochi	—	34.8	24.4	Tiruchi	1	27.9	23.6
Kohima	—	21.7	8.6	Vijayawada	—	31.4	23.6
Kolkata	—	29.7	18.8	Visakhapatnam	—	31.9	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	—	112	—	67	93	
Bengaluru	12	23	44	—	50	
Chennai	2	28	56	17	17	
Delhi	17	9	50	399	285	
Hyderabad	3	39	50	163	143	
Kolkata	19	25	24	277	189	
Lucknow	13	71	29	262	180	
Mumbai	26	232	63	108	145	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	26	31	25	137	123	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Motihari, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 411 indicating a severe level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

NIA arrests one more accused in Praveen Nettaru case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted search operations in Dakshina Kannada district and arrested an accused in the Praveen Nettaru murder case on Saturday. The arrested has been identified as Shaheed M., a resident of Bellare village. The NIA has arrested 14 accused in the case, and this is the 15th.

On the role of Shaheed, the NIA, in a statement released on Sunday, said that during investigation it was found that Shaheed was part of the conspiracy meeting held in his house by Popular Front of India to target leaders of certain political organisations. During the search, incriminating documents were seized from the house of the arrested accused.

Praveen Nettaru, a BJP worker, was allegedly killed by members of the now proscribed PFI on July 26. The case was transferred to NIA.

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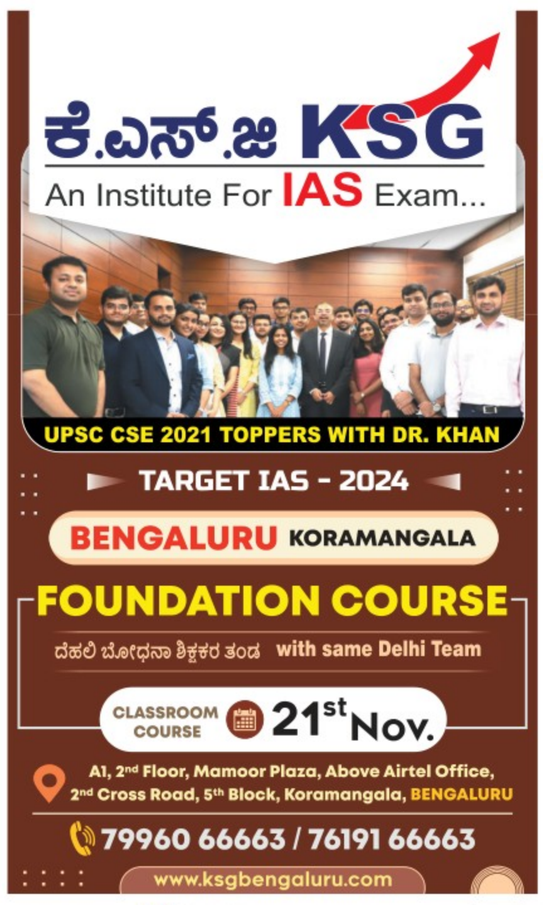
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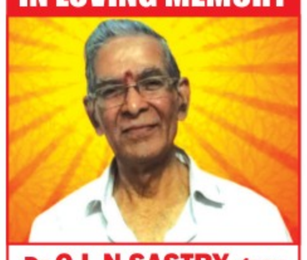

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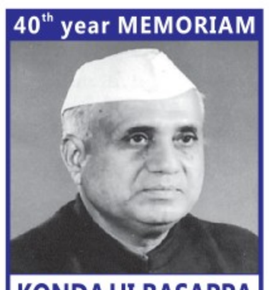

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KJC hosts a two-day FDP on Financial Education and Investment Awareness

Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), National Stock Exchange (NSE) Mumbai and Bengaluru North University organised a two-day Faculty Development Program, titled Financial Education and Investment Awareness, on Friday 4 November 2022 at Kristu Jayanti College (KJC) Autonomous.

The chief guests for the event included Dr V Rajesh Kumar, Professor and Dean - Faculty of Commerce at Chanakya University, Bengaluru and Dr M. Jayappa, Officer on Special Duty, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru. Alongside, Vinodh James, Senior Manager at NSE Academy attended as the special invitee for the day.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Niranjana Vanalli, Vice Chancellor at Bengaluru North University, emphasized the significance of having a methodical stock market investing strategy. Dr M. Ramachandra Gowda, Vice-Chancellor at Rani Channamma University, Belgavi and Dr D. Dominic, Registrar, Bengaluru North University emphasised the significance of financial education and investment in the present case scenario of the country.

Artificial intelligence and digital literacy were the topics addressed by Fr. Dr Augustine George, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous, Bengaluru. A stock market action was also taken throughout this two-day orientation workshop, which showcased unique dimensions of financial management.

Vishwa Vidyapeeth organises Prajnoddeepanam to promote Sanskrit

Vishwa Vidyapeeth Group of Schools at Takshashila Campus, Honnenahalli held various inter-school Sanskrit competitions, Prajnoddeepanam, on 5 November 2022 to promote the Sanskrit language. Gracing the occasion, Prof. Girishchandra, Vice Chancellor of Karnataka Sanskrit University presided over the morning event, while the afternoon event was headed by Rashtrapati Puraskar Awardee Prof A Haridas Bhat retired principal of Poorna Prajna Vidyapeeth Sanskrit Gurukul.

The competitions were organised at the primary and high school levels.

The event involved ten contests, comprising Pick and Speak, Storytelling, Shloka Kanthapatha, Singing, Mono-Acting, Quick-Answers, Quiz, and Shalaka which was adjudicated by judges from Karnataka Sanskrit University and other institutions. Over 700 students participated from various schools. Shubham Karoti Maitreyi Gurukula won the overall championship. Alongside, the classrooms were also converted to Sanskrit Grama and Exhibition, which housed Sanskrit terminology for everyday objects and the old Gurukula system of teachings.

Sharing his insights, Cherian delivered the keynote address in which he reminisced about his experiences at various eminent centres around the world. Being the first national-level CME of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons in the city, the event hosted didactic talk sessions by speakers from across the country.

Dr G. Satheesh Reddy visits KLE Technological University for Technical Talk Session

KLE Technological University, Hubballi hosted a technical talk session, titled Defence Techconnect Aatmanirbhar Bharat: Role of startups alongside MSME: Technology & Innovation, on 12 November 2022 at BT Auditorium.

The event was graced by Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, scientific advisor to the Defence Minister. Reddy highlighted the role of institutions in fostering the youth towards innovative methods. The session was open for students in the 3rd and 4th year of their Bachelors or Masters of Engineering, Research students/ Project Scholars and Industry professionals, Tech Startups, MSME startups, and Local Tech Entrepreneurs.

NMIT Researchers receive patent for their invention

The research team from the Center of Excellence in Space Research at the Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT), Bengaluru have created India's first Nano-reaction wheel actuator system for small satellites.

The team comprising of Saroj Kumar, Sandesh Hegde, Divyanshu Sahay, Anik Jha and Dr S Sandya have developed the innovative three-axis reaction wheel which serves as an actuator system for a satellite which weights less than 500 grams and is used to control spacecraft orientation in space. The key benefit of the invention is the mechanical design which is modular and has ease of assembly with fewer parts which are crucial for space missions. This invention also reduces the cost of the reaction wheels and can be made under Rs.2.5 lakhs when compared with the same product from abroad which costs more than Rs.10 lakhs.

The Government of India has granted the patent to this innovative invention.

Founding Trustees of SVIT, Awarded PhD

Founding Trustees of SVIT, Dr Padma Reddy A M and Dr Yenumala Doddi Jayasimha were awarded PhD for their innovative dissertations. Reddy completed his dissertation on Hybrid Algorithms for enhancing video quality, under the guidance of Dr Uday Rani V, Senior Associate Professor at the School of Computing and IT, Reva University. Meanwhile, Jayasimha completed his dissertation on a Novel Face emotion recognition system for pose and illumination variation using adaptive ANN, under the guidance of Dr R Venkata Siva Reddy, Professor at the School of ECE, Reva University.

Dr Padma Reddy A M

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A sense of an ending

Remorse of convicts should be a prior requirement for premature release

The release of the six remaining convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case marks the end of a tragic episode that began with India's disastrous involvement in Sri Lanka's internal strife in the 1980s. The assassination in May 1991, ordered by the LTTE leadership and carried out by a suicide bomber, caused revulsion. However, over time, the prolonged incarceration of the seven persons ultimately found guilty evoked some public sympathy. Political parties in Tamil Nadu campaigned for the release of the four convicts on death row and three serving life terms. The Supreme Court commuted the death sentences to life in 2014. A resolution adopted by the Tamil Nadu Cabinet in 2018 for releasing them under Article 161 of the Constitution was not acted upon by the then Governor for a long time. Ultimately, he forwarded it to the Centre for its opinion. The Court, earlier this year, found no constitutional basis for the Governor's action and invoked its extraordinary powers to order the release of A.G. Perarivalan. The same benefit has now been extended to others. While their release is no occasion to celebrate, contrary to what sections of the media and the political class seem to believe, it is not one for lamentation either. The plot's masterminds are dead and only mid-level operatives and some local collaborators were apprehended. A sense that 31 years of imprisonment is punishment enough does indeed prevail.

Their release is the culmination of due process in a vibrant legal system that is not without its flaws. A chilling trial court verdict that sentenced all 26 available accused to death in 1998 did not impress the Supreme Court. Based on a calmer appraisal of evidence, its 1999 judgment acquitted 19 of them of conspiracy charges, resulting in their release. Of the remaining seven, four were sentenced to death, and three to life. Nalini, recruited into the plot as a local chaperone to the potential suicide bombers, got the benefit of commutation in 2000 itself. So too did Ravichandran, who had hoped to lead an armed separatist movement in Tamil Nadu with the LTTE's help. The prison system, too, proved its benign side. Most of them acquired new educational qualifications, while one could even indulge in literary pursuits. Their freedom has come about through legal processes and legitimate advocacy. At the same time, it should not be forgotten that the victims' families have suffered a lot, with few offering them succour or sympathy over the years. The tragic episode should occasion a fresh evaluation of the remission system and norms for premature release of life convicts. Going by the glaring omission in this particular case, some indication of remorse on the part of the convicts should be a prior requirement.

Saving the precious

Wasteful consumption of groundwater must be disincentivised

The Ministry of Water Resources recently made public a report that gives a snapshot of India's groundwater situation. On the surface, there is good news: the total annual groundwater recharge – defined as the groundwater stored – for the entire country is 437.60 billion cubic metres (bcm) out of which the quantity extracted was 239.16 bcm. A similar assessment in 2020 found that the annual groundwater recharge was 436 bcm and extraction 245 bcm. In 2017, recharge was 432 bcm and extraction 249 bcm. The 2022 assessment suggests that groundwater extraction is the lowest since 2004, when it was 231 bcm. A decrease in groundwater extraction may indicate better water management; however, the report – called the National Compilation on Dynamic Ground water Resources of India – itself says that the improvement is only "marginal" and may be explained by natural conditions and changes in methodology that the Central Ground Water Board and States, which conduct the survey, adopt. In fact, the number of groundwater blocks, or wells, used for estimation were more than those in previous years and it turns out that the percentage of blocks where groundwater was 'critically' low was around 14%, or roughly similar to that in previous years.

Regions with the most blocks with critical groundwater levels are in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and western Uttar Pradesh, where, despite replenishable systems, indiscriminate groundwater withdrawal has depressed the water table. Other endangered blocks are in Rajasthan and Gujarat, where due to an arid climate, groundwater recharge itself is limited, and finally, parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, where due to inherent characteristics of crystalline water-storing aquifers, groundwater availability is low. That much more needs to be done to conserve groundwater is a foregone conclusion. There is no central law governing the use of groundwater and various States have their own laws on regulating its extraction that are deployed in a perfunctory manner. A draft National Water Policy has recommended a shift in usage from water-guzzling crops and prioritising recycled over freshwater for industrial purposes. Water ought not to be considered a free, private resource but one whose costs must be measured and borne equitably. While water remains a politically contentious subject in India, the climate crisis should inspire consensus across the political spectrum on disincentivising wasteful consumption of this precious resource.

Behind the smokescreen around private climate finance

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Over the last few years, developed countries have insisted upon two points on the issue of climate finance. First, they maintain that their commitment to reaching the target of $100 billion in climate finance a year for developing countries, first promised in 2009, is close to being met. Second, they view the mobilisation of private finance as the critical component of climate finance henceforth. John Kerry, the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change, and Mark Carney, the current UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance and former Governor of the Bank of England, are the leading proponents of this view.

On several occasions, Mr. Kerry has said that the private sector can find solutions to climate change by funding the trillions needed for a global transition to clean energy. Mr. Carney has called for turning billions in public capital into trillions in private capital by scaling blended finance, catalysing stand-alone private capital flows, and building new markets. For developing countries to shape their policies based on these optimistic views is clearly challenging. How should developing countries respond to this?

Unachieved goals

Shortly before the ongoing 27th Conference of the Parties (COP) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) began in Egypt on November 6, 2022, the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) released a report on the progress made by developed countries towards achieving the goal of mobilising $100 billion per year. The report makes two things clear – while estimates vary, it is widely accepted that the $100 billion goal has not been achieved in 2020, and an earlier effort to mobilise private finance by the developed countries has met with comprehensive failure. The SCF report relied mainly on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Oxfam reports for aggregate climate finance trends. The OECD report claims that developed countries have mobilised $83.3 billion in climate finance in 2020 ($68.3 billion in public finance, $13.1 billion in mobilised private finance and $1.9 billion in export credits). The latest Oxfam report challenges this figure with the claim that the actual value of the OECD-claimed climate assistance of $83.3 billion is only around $21-$24.5 billion. The Oxfam values are much lower as it discounts for the climate relevance of reported funds (that is funds actually targetting climate action) and grant equivalence (rather than cash face value). The OECD reports have also been criticised for the lack of transparency of information on mobilised private finance.

> Grant-based and concessional international public climate finance will continue to play a key role in addressing the needs and the priorities of developing countries

In 2016, based on OECD analysis, the developed countries issued a "Roadmap to USD100 billion", with forward-looking projections of climate finance in 2020. The road map indicated that developed countries were on track to meet the goal by 2020, projecting that public finance would reach $67 billion while the remaining $33 billion would be provided by private finance under the assumption that mobilisation rates increased. The OECD 2020 data, however, shows that the mobilisation of private climate finance has underperformed against the expectations of developed countries falling short by 60 percentage points, $13.1 billion in 2020 against $33 billion in the road map. The SCF report notes that it is unclear to what extent this was due to a lower-than-expected potential to mobilise private finance or to the relatively lower proportion of projects with mobilisation potential in the overall climate finance portfolio.

A challenge for low-income countries

Developing countries have for a long time insisted that a significant portion of climate finance should come from public funds as private finance will not address their needs and priorities especially related to adaptation. Climate finance already remains skewed towards mitigation and flows towards bankable projects with clear revenue streams. Adaptation is unlikely to offer commercially profitable opportunities for private financiers. Vulnerable, debt-ridden and low-income countries with poor credit ratings needing adaptation finance the most, find it challenging to access private finance.

Following the dismal failure to meet the $100 billion goal, developed countries pushed the target year for achieving it to 2025 from 2020. Last year, at COP26 (Glasgow), developed countries came up with a Climate Finance Delivery Plan (CFDP) to meet the goal, again using the OECD report accounting framework and the 2016 road map, claiming this time that the goal would be met in 2023. The SCF report notes that when comparing the OECD-reported data for 2020 to the scenarios in the CFDP, while the aggregate total $83.3 billion matches the low-end scenario for 2021, the mobilised private finance had fallen short by 6% compared to the scenario estimate. Further, in this scenario, both public and private finance segments would need to grow a further 21%-22% to meet the 2023 low-end estimate of $101 billion. Whether this is possible is doubtful. Between 2019-20, mobilised private finance, as reported by the OECD, had in reality fallen by 9%.

Despite the attention-grabbing headlines in the media pushing private finance, the CFDP Progress Report released two weeks ago has a very different story to tell. It notes that "mobilizing private climate finance has proven to be challenging, and particularly limited for adaptation". Further, although many developed countries and multilateral development banks have emphasised the importance of private finance mobilised in their climate finance strategies, including by de-risking and creating enabling environments, "these efforts have not yielded results at the scale required to tap into the significant potential for investments by the private sector and deliver on developed countries climate ambition".

Assumptions and the reality

There are further assumptions in the CFDP scenarios that need to be laid bare. It assumes a private-public finance mobilisation ratio starting from 0.21 (0.21 unit of mobilised private finance per unit of public climate finance) in 2021 and ending with 0.177 in 2025, with the share of activities with low mobilisation potential rising from 30% in 2021 to 50% in 2025. This implies that the composition of public climate finance portfolios will progressively change towards a larger share of activities with low to no private finance mobilisation potential; this includes finance for adaptation, and capacity building, as grants, for least developed and small island developing countries. Thus, in these scenarios, financing the urgent adaptation needs of developing countries is pushed further into the future.

Therefore, addressing the urgent climate finance needs of developing countries cannot be left to the mercy of false promises of trillions of U.S. dollars in mobilised private climate finance. Many activities needing financing may have little or perhaps even no direct mobilisation potential. The SCF report has rightly concluded that the mobilisation of private finance as a means of achieving the $100 billion goal, should not come at the expense of, or involve a trade-off in addressing the needs of developing countries. Grant-based and concessional international public climate finance will continue to play the key role in addressing the needs and the priorities of developing countries, especially in the face of growing challenges due to extreme weather, food and energy crises.

Beware the tempting apple of Ukraine mediation

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A recent report in a prominent American daily focussed on the possibility of India playing a significant role in seeking to bring Russia and Ukraine to the negotiating table. The report came on the eve of the visit of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's to Moscow (November 7-8). It led to comment in the Indian media, both sober and exuberant, on how Indian diplomacy since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, in February 2022, had deftly put India in a position to promote peace between the warring parties.

For the ruling dispensation's supporters, a mediatory Indian role in the Ukraine war would naturally serve as a great vindication of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal position as a world leader and his government's successful handling of India's external interests.

When the G20 presidency is in the picture

That Mr. Modi is drawing public attention to his efforts to advance India's global status and reputation is clear from the enormous emphasis he is giving to India assuming the G20 presidency on December 1, 2022. In a speech on November 8 to mark the release of the logo, theme and website of the Indian presidency, he said: "You can imagine what a big opportunity has come before the country in the 'Amrit kal' of Independence. It is a matter of pride for every Indian; it is a matter of increasing one's pride." He went on to add, "...this summit is just not a diplomatic meeting. India sees this as a new responsibility for itself. India sees this as the world's faith in itself." The question is whether he would consider the G20 presidency as a "new" responsibility to contribute to a resolution of the Ukraine conflict.

He may be actively encouraged to do so by the West. The idea, though seductive, is full of pitfalls. It would mark a departure from the cautious, and largely successful, approach that India has pursued till now on the Ukraine war. India has made its disapproval of Russia's action clear even if it has refrained from voting against it on substantive resolutions in United Nations forums, including the Security Council. The maximum extent that India has gone to is of Mr. Modi openly telling Russian President Vladimir Putin in Samarkand (September 2022) that the present age was not one of war.

> If undertaken in the wake of the West's visible encouragement, India's mediation efforts could not only fail but also expose the true extent of its global influence

India has advocated a return to diplomacy and dialogue. India has intervened in specific cases with Russia such as to prevent it from endangering the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant (in Ukraine) or to allow the export of Ukraine foodgrains. But all these steps are far removed from attempts to mediate or bring the parties to the negotiating table.

Lessons from the Rajiv Gandhi era

If Mr. Modi or his advisers are tempted to accept western encouragement to go in the direction of mediation, they would do well to reflect on the lessons learnt by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in intervening with the Soviet leadership, at the prodding of the United States, to end the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s. As highlighted in the book, *The Great Game in Afghanistan: Rajiv Gandhi, General Zia and The Unending War, India-U.S. diplomacy on Afghanistan* is a "story of India's diplomatic defeat and American duplicity" (p17). India itself wanted a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan from the time it took place. It conveyed its assessments privately to the Soviets. However, it is one matter to do so *suo motu* and quite another to undertake an initiative on some other country's behalf.

During Rajiv Gandhi's time, Indian policymakers felt that Indian interests would be best served by the establishment of a broad-based neutral government in Kabul, and the U.S. too gave New Delhi the illusion that it wanted the same.

Another implicit aspect of the bargain was that the U.S. would put the brakes on Pakistan's clandestine nuclear weapons programme. It became clear though that the U.S. was not interested in either; nor did it want India to play an active diplomatic role in ending the Afghanistan crisis. It merely desired Indian influence to be brought to bear on the Soviets to withdraw their forces from Afghanistan. When the U.S.'s positions became clear to Rajiv Gandhi, India-U.S. ties, which were witnessing some warmth, suffered.

The current era with its compulsions for India is far removed from that of the 1980s. But the basic principles which govern the game of nations do not change. As in the 1980s, so now, the U.S. and the West in general wish India to use such leverage as it may have with Mr. Putin to abandon the war and negotiate with Ukraine. They are no doubt aware that Indian equities with Ukraine are practically non-existent. Hence, despite whatever they may say to India about its growing role in the world and how its global prestige would rise, all they really want is India's intervention with Mr. Putin to change course.

Perils of going beyond this exhortation

It is certainly appropriate for India to point to the great and growing global difficulties because of the Russian action. Mr. Jaishankar was correct when he said in Moscow on November 8, after his meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov, and, in his presence that "the global economy is simply too inter-dependent for a significant conflict anywhere, not to have major consequences elsewhere. We are seeing growing concerns on energy and food security from the conflict that are coming on top of severe stresses created by two years of COVID. The Global South, especially, is feeling the pain acutely." It would also be correct for India to keep emphasising that the way out is through dialogue and diplomacy. It would, however, be counterproductive to go beyond such exhortations. This is not only because mediation efforts, if undertaken, may fail but also because they would expose the true extent of India's global influence and the limitations of personal chemistry between leaders in influencing events.

Leaders and diplomats, like angels, must always tread lightly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Released

Ordinary mortals like me who have not yet recovered from the surprise and the shock over the release of A.G. Perarivalan, one of the convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, have been administered another deep shock with the release of the six remaining convicts in the case in the name of "good conduct". The court-ordered move does raise questions and doubts in the minds of ordinary mortals People like me wonder whether there is a twist to what 'life sentence' means. Will this move now open a Pandora's box?

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MBBS in Devanagiri

It is hard to understand why an English-based text should be made available in a language merely to appeal to those who cannot study in the medium that is standard practice. The move to have transliterated medical books and bilingual classes is only making a mockery of the medical programme. In its zeal to come up with such a curricula in the Devanagiri script, the authorities concerned seem to have cast the checks and balances, procedures and regulations to the wind for a very important course.

Prabhu Raj R.,
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England shone

A thoroughly professional England team must be wholeheartedly congratulated for winning the T20 World Cup. Special mention must be made about the young and highly promising Sam Curran who bowled exceptionally well throughout the tournament. He is a role model for any aspiring fast bowler and is another Ben Stokes in the making who will serve English cricket for long.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

A Sports page report titled "England rides roughshod over India's dreams, sets final date with Pakistan" (November 11, 2022, some editions) erroneously referred to Indian cricketer Hardik Pandya as Hardik Patel.

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The curious case of EWS

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Reservation is intrinsically linked to the historical injustice meted out to Shudras and Dalits. It was during the anti-caste movement that the idea of reservation came up as a way for an egalitarian social order, to ensure fair representation in the sociopolitical order, and to mitigate and compensate for the inhuman exclusion of humans based on ascriptive status. Reservation is implemented in politics, education and public employment so that all those in the hierarchy can participate in nation-building on equal terms. But this idea did not appeal to the so-called nationalists either then or now. For them, the nation is based on the status-quoist hierarchical 'being' and not the futuristic egalitarian 'becoming'.

What reservation means

B.R. Ambedkar and E.V. Ramasamy 'Periyar' spoke about reservation as a means of providing representation; not as a poverty alleviation programme. Negating a century of nuanced arguments and understanding of affirmative action, the Supreme Court recently upheld the 103rd Constitution Amendment for providing reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of upper castes falling under the general category.

Merit is often the mantra used against the idea and implementation of reservation. Historically, Brahmins had the monopoly in offering sacrifice, receiving gifts, becoming priests, spiritual mentorship, and teaching. Vaishyas had the monopoly in wealth-generating professions. These monopolies were rooted in, and buttressed by, the authority of scriptures like the *Manusmriti* and treatises like the *Arthasashtra*. The top three Varnas had access to learning. In the colonial era, under the progressive pressures of modernisation and democratisation, the traditional monopolies based on caste order were diffused into the secular domains of bureaucracy, legal practice, professorship, etc. Leaders professing equality, such as Jyotirao Phule, Periyar and Ambedkar, wanted to annihilate the arbitrary reservation for certain professions, being implemented based on fanciful mythical stories. Essentially, the mission was to 'de-reserve' education and employment opportunities from a handful of castes to make them available to the remaining castes which were aspiring to be a part of the newly independent nation.

The merit mantra was very effective at stopping, or at least stalling, the 'de-reservation' process. But when the bill for EWS reservation was passed hastily in Parliament in 2019, there was no concern for merit.

Categorising the poor

The EWS judgment is hailed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as "social justice to the country's poor". Are those in the EWS category really India's poor? Individuals from upper caste communities who earn up to ₹8 lakh a year and may own a 1,000-square feet home are being called economically weak. In India, more than 30 crore citizens have been classified as being below the poverty line (spending less than ₹32 a day in urban areas and under ₹27 a day in rural areas). Data from India (overall) as well as individual States show that Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) have a higher share of poor people than upper castes in both urban and rural India. We now live in a country where a household earning more than ₹75 per day is considered above the poverty line, while an upper caste household earning ₹2,222 a day is considered economically weak. According to the Department of Revenue data, households earning more than ₹10 lakh constitute less than 1% of India's population.

In the 1990s, renowned scholars from privileged communities viciously attacked the Mandal Commission claiming that it lacked credible data. In fact, the Mandal Commission report was based on official data curated from the Censuses of 1891 and 1931. Further, B.P. Mandal formulated his concept of 'backwardness' by factoring in the social, educational and economic dimensions of different caste communities. But now, neither justification nor credible data has been presented while arguing that 10% reservation must be provided for the upper caste poor. The Mandal Commission report said, "To equate unequals is to perpetuate inequality". By giving the go-ahead for the EWS quota, Supreme Court has equated unequals in the category of affirmative action. The EWS quota is unfair because it twists the idea of social justice by bequeathing further privilege to communities who are historically situated to benefit from the oppressive caste system.

When the Mandal Commission was to be implemented in the 1990s, political parties across the spectrum opposed it. The right wing declared the Rath Yatra and successfully diverted the attention of backward castes away from the Mandal question. By drawing the lower castes into the religious agenda of Ram Mandir and Babri Masjid, they pushed these communities away from their claim for a fair proportion of educational and employment opportunities. In contrast to the universal opposition to the Mandal Commission, the EWS quota enjoys the support of several political parties.

And without much care for precedent, the 50% ceiling imposed by the Supreme Court in matters of reservation has now been declared to be "not inflexible or inviolable" by the majority judgment. Nevertheless, there could be a silver line in breaching the 50% limit – it might eventually lead to proportional representation as envisioned by Periyar.

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Everyone loves a good fight

The Governor-government tussle seems to politically benefit all those involved

STATE OF PLAY

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In a memorandum to the President of India, Tamil Nadu's ruling alliance, led by the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), has demanded the dismissal of Governor R.N. Ravi. In neighbouring Kerala, the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF), led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist), is locked in a battle with Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, but it has stopped short of calling for his dismissal. While the Governors of Kerala and Tamil Nadu are playing to the Delhi gallery from where the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) watches politics in the two southern States closely, the DMK and the CPI(M) are playing to their domestic galleries. Here is how it works to the benefit of both the Governors and both the ruling fronts.

As it turns out, the DMK widely publicised the content of its memorandum to President Draupadi Murmu, but did not submit it in person to her. The party is evidently aware that there is little more than posturing it can do with regard to removing the Governor, who is a favourite of the BJP government at the Centre. In fact, that is perhaps the reason why it did not seek an appointment with Ms. Murmu. In the normal course of events, petitions to the President that are meant to make a political point are submitted in person, and followed by a media appearance outside the Rashtrapati Bhavan. In this instance, the outcome sought by the DMK from its strident rhetoric on the Governor is not his removal but a reinforcement of its politics within Tamil Nadu. To that extent, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's approach appears to be successful. The divergence between rhetoric and reality is a matter of detail; what counts is the fact that such theatrics rev up the base. The Supreme Court order to release the convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case also came as a shot in the arm for the DMK, though the clash between the Chief Minister's Office and the Raj Bhavan on the question precedes the current occupants in both. The release of the convicts is expected to further the DMK's Dravidian politics.

Mr. Ravi, on the other hand, has not shied away from questioning the cultural politics of Dravidian parties. His questioning of Dravidian common sense is music to the BJP's ears. The party hopes to carve out a space in Tamil Nadu where one the two Dravidian axes is on the decline.

Mr. Khan's clash with the LDF in Kerala is seemingly on governance issues and transparency but in the midst of it, he has also invoked his political past of being a Muslim reformist. As a Congress minister in Rajiv Gandhi's council of ministers, Mr. Khan had defended the Supreme Court judgment in the Shah Bano case which was overturned later by Parliament under pressure from clerics. Mr. Khan is widely in demand as a speaker across the country for platforms leaning towards the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, where he dons the cap of a Muslim reformer. The collision with the Left in Kerala only embellishes Mr. Khan's image, though he might be at the receiving end of broad-spectrum criticism within Kerala.

As for the LDF, which has been facing a slew of allegations that dented its image, the ongoing tussle with the Governor is a convenient distraction. The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF), which was trying to corner the LDF based on the issues raised by the Governor regarding nepotism in university appointments, joined hands with it as the confrontation escalated. On the one hand, the daily battle with the Governor has consolidated the LDF; on the other, it has confused the UDF. Some leaders and parties in the UDF see the Governor as an agent of the BJP, while others want to use the opportunity opened by his questioning of the LDF to corner it. Those who see the BJP as a long-term existential threat call for a united opposition against it, even if it means burying the hatchet with local rivals. They see the challenge posed by the BJP at the national level, though it may not be in the reckoning for power in the State immediately. This is true at least to some extent in Tamil Nadu too. Recently, Dravidar Kazhagam president K. Veeramani called upon the ruling DMK and the Opposition All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam to stay vigilant of the BJP's plans for the State.

The tussle between the appointed Governors and elected leaders of the government may have affected governance in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, but everyone appears to benefit politically from the situation.

Leading in economic measures, lagging on social measures

The performance of poll-bound Gujarat on many social indicators has worsened in the past 15 years compared to other States

DATA POINT

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With the Gujarat Assembly elections scheduled to take place in two phases on December 1 and 5, an analysis of economic, social and environmental indicators brings forth contrasting results. While Gujarat is economically one of the most advanced States in India, it fares poorly on social indicators, even featuring at the bottom of the list on some of them. The State tops the list on manufacturing-related indicators. But this has come at a cost as Gujarat features at the bottom of the list on several environmental measures.

Table 1 shows Gujarat's rank on social indicators and its actual score in a parameter in 2019-20, 2015-16 and 2005-06. The table also lists the change in Gujarat's rank in 2019-20 compared to 2015-16. The top three States in a parameter are also given for comparison. For instance, Gujarat had 39% of stunted children (low height-for-age) in 2019-20 and ranked 26 out of 30 States. The three best States that year were Kerala (23.4% of stunted children), Punjab (24.5%) and Tamil Nadu (25%). On this indicator, Gujarat's ranking fell two spots in 2019-20 from 2015-16, the year when the State was placed 24th out of the 30 States.

Notably, across most social indicators, there was no considerable improvement in the last few years. For instance, the population of females who attended school was 72% in 2015-16 and increased to 72.9% in 2019-20. Only females aged six and above were considered.

The share of wasted children (low weight-for-height) improved marginally from 26.4% to 25.1%, while the share of underweight (low weight-for-age) children recorded a small rise from 39.3% to 39.7%. On both these indicators the State ranked 29 of 30 States analysed in 2019-20.

What is striking is that the State's relative performance worsened in 2019-20 compared to 2005-06 on most social indicators. In the share of the female population who ever attended school, the State ranked 15 of 28 States in 2005-06; in 2019-20, it ranked 19 of 30. In the share of wasted children, the State's rank worsened from 16 out of 28 States to 29 out of 30 States. In fact, on all the social indicators analysed, the State's ranking worsened in the 15-year period.

However, Gujarat's economic performance was among the best in the country. In both 1993-94 and 2020-21, the State ranked 6 of 27 States in Per Capita Net State Domestic Product (current prices) as shown in **Table 3**. Also, its economic might is majorly supported by the manufacturing sector, which employs 20.8% of the State's workforce. This is the second highest share among the 30 States considered (**Table 4**).

While the State leads the country in terms of economic performance, it lags behind on environment-related indicators (**Table 5**). The State generated the highest amounts of hazardous waste and fourth-highest plastic waste in the country. The fossil fuels consumed per capita are also the third highest. Only 80% of industries comply with wastewater treatment norms.

Among educational indicators, Gujarat is among the worst-performing States (**Table 6**). In 2018-19, it ranked above 20 of the 30 States on indicators such as enrolment in elementary, higher secondary and college-level education. It also had a higher dropout rate at the secondary level.

Given the superior economic performance and inferior social and environmental rankings, Gujarat's position on the Human Development Index was middling in 2019 and 1990 (16 and 17 out of 30 States, respectively). This is seen in **Table 2**.

Gujarat report card

The tables show Gujarat's performance across socio-economic indicators. Data were sourced from the National Family Health Survey, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Global Data Lab and NITI Aayog

Table 1

Indicator	2019-20 Value	2019-20 Gujarat's rank	2019-20 Top major States	2019-20 Change from 2015-16	2015-16 Value	2015-16 Gujarat's rank	2005-06 Value	2005-06 Gujarat's rank
% women who ever attended school	72.9	19 of 30	Kerala: 95.5; Himachal: 81; T.N.: 80.4	-2	72	17 of 30	65.3	15 of 28
Women age 20-24 married before 18 years of age (%)	21.8	20 of 30	Himachal: 5.4; Kerala: 6.3 Punjab: 8.7	0	24.9	20 of 30	38.7	16 of 28
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	31.2	19 of 30	Kerala: 4.4; T.N.: 18.6 West Bengal: 22	-1	34.2	18 of 30	50	18 of 28
Stunted children (low height-for-age) (%)	39	26 of 30	Kerala: 23.4; Punjab: 24.5 Tamil Nadu: 25	-2	38.5	24 of 30	51.7	24 0f 28
Wasted children (low weight-for-height) (%)	25.1	29 of 30	Punjab: 10.6; Haryana: 11.5; Uttarakhand: 13.2	0	26.4	29 of 30	18.7	16 of 28
Underweight children (weight-for-age) (%)	39.7	29 of 30	Punjab: 16.9; Kerala: 19.7 Uttarakhand: 21	-3	39.3	26 of 30	44.6	23 of 28
Households with any member having a health insurance (%)	39	14 of 30	Rajasthan: 87.8; Chhattisgarh: 71.4; Andhra: 70.2	1	23.1	15 of 30	10.2	4 of 28
Population that use an improved sanitation facility (%)	74	18 of 30	Kerala: 98.7; Punjab: 86.6 Haryana: 85	-6	63.6	12 of 30	-	-

Table 2: HDI

2019 Value	2019 Gujarat's rank	2019 Top major States	1990 Value	1990 Gujarat's rank
0.672	16 of 30	Kerala, Himachal, Punjab	0.469	17 of 30

Table 3: Per capita NSDP

2020-21 Value	2020-21 Gujarat's rank	2020-21 Top major States	1993-94 Value	1993-94 Gujarat's rank
2,12,821	6 of 27	Karnataka, Haryana, Gujarat	9,796	6 of 27

Table 4

Indicator (2018-19)	Value	Gujarat's rank	Top major States
Manufacturing GVA as a % of total	36.7	4 of 30	Uttarakhand, Himachal, T.N.
% of manufacturing employment	20.8	2 of 30	Gujarat, Punjab, T.N.

Table 5

Indicator	Value	Rank
Hazardous waste generated (per 1,000 population in metric tonnes in 2018)	50.12	28 of 28
Plastic waste generated (Average plastic generated per 1,000 population in tonnes, 2018-19)	5.3	27 of 30
Per capita fossil fuel consumption (2018-19)	351.4	28 of 30
Percentage of industries complying with waste water treatment as per CPCB norms (%)	80.6	24 of 30

Table 6

Indicator (2018-19)	Value	Gujarat's rank	Top major States
Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education (18-23 years)	20.4	23 of 30	TN, Himachal, Uttarakhand
Adjusted Net Enrolment Ratio (ANER) in elementary education (class 1-8)	85.3	21 of 30	Karnataka, Himachal, Uttarakhand
Average annual dropout rate at secondary level (class 9-10)	23.8	24 of 30	Himachal, Kerala, Odisha
Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher secondary (class 11-12)	41.2	24 of 30	Himachal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 14, 1972

British ban on delivery of letters from India

London, Nov. 13: As a consequence of the letter bombs sent by air mail last week from India to this country, India became an era of darkness in Britain to-day. No mail from India was delivered to anybody here this morning. The British post office imposed a ban yesterday on the sorting and delivery of letters from India. Several hundred bags of mail from India have been isolated and stored in special places in sorting offices throughout the country. A check of each item, beginning to-day is expected to take several days to complete. Screening machines were reported to be in short supply. The Chairman of the British Post Office Board, Mr. Bill Ryland, is giving his personal attention to the matter. Individuals and commercial and other offices in India who have airmailed letters and packets to this country last week must therefore expect delay in response. It is also advisable that as far as possible they should write airletters in which no enclosures are allowed and avoid using envelopes till the situation clears up at this end. The above relates to the mechanics of this explosive postal business. But some questions of a political nature have been arisen in result. It is obvious that this is the work of an Arab guerilla group, whether it be the Black September group or any other.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 14, 1922

German University Welcome to Indians

The Rev. W. Mansell Merry, Rector of St. Martin and All Saints', Oxford, writing in the "Monthly Intelligencer" of his parish, describes a visit to Cologne, and the readiness of the Germans to welcome Indian students. "It will probably be," he writes, "of great interest to Oxford folk familiarised with the presence of coloured undergraduates to hear that during the next few years an enormous number of Indians will be undergoing training in the German Universities. Why an enthusiasm of this kind has suddenly arisen I cannot tell; but the fact of it is sufficiently significant. The Germans, who, as a rule, are averse to foreigner students, are giving these Indians a ready welcome and – what is really the serious side of the matter for us Englishmen – they will certainly see to it that a lover of the British Empire will not be included among the subjects taught".

From Page One

G-20 summit to focus on food, energy security

There they discussed the war in Ukraine, Indo-Pacific strategy, energy issues, the G-20 and Indo-U.S. bilateral relations, Mr. Jaishankar tweeted. "The U.S. supports India's G20 presidency," Mr. Blinken said in a tweet, adding that their discussions focussed on "ongoing efforts to expand our partnership & mitigate the effects of Russia's war on Ukraine." Mr. Modi will reach Bali on Monday evening, skipping the B-20 business forum being concluded that day at which Indonesian President Joko Widodo and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will give keynote addresses and several global business leaders, including Twitter head Elon Musk, will speak.

On Tuesday, he will attend two working sessions on food and energy security and "Health Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment" followed by a dinner for all G-20 leaders. He will also meet with the Indian community that evening and address the diaspora living in Bali. On Wednesday, the leaders will visit the Indonesian mangroves of Taman Hutan Raya, venerated by Balinese Hindus, which has been restored over a 30-year project covering nearly 700 acres today. They will hold a third G-20 session on digital transformation, and Mr. Modi is expected to leave Bali on the November 16th afternoon itself.

G-20 Sherpas are in the midst of several rounds of talks on a "Joint Communique", which has, according to sources, run into trouble over paragraphs that deal with the Russian war in Ukraine and the Western sanctions against Russia that have led to food and energy shortages.

When asked, Mr. Kwatra said the final communique would have full consensus "whether [it is] the conflict itself or the knock-on effects, in what way it emerges finally in the communique I think remains to be seen because it is still under discussions and negotiations in Bali." The G-20 is a forum of the 20 most advanced economies that represent 85% of the global GDP, 75% of global trade and 66% of the world population.

Democrats retain control of U.S. Senate

The win clinches Democratic control in the Senate as Vice-President Kamala Harris can cast the tie-breaking vote if the upper chamber is evenly split 50-50. Georgia is the only State where both parties are still competing for a Senate seat. Democratic incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock faces Republican challenger Herschel Walker in a December 6 run-off. Democratic control of the Senate ensures a smoother process for Mr. Biden's Cabinet appointments and judicial picks. The party will also keep control over committees and have the power to conduct investigations or oversight of the Biden administration, and will be able to reject legislation sent over by the House if the Grand Old Party wins that chamber.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Mr. Biden said of the election results: "I feel good. I'm looking forward to the next couple of years."

No govt. reply to plea on search, seizure

A group of academics filed a petition in the Supreme Court demanding guidelines on the search and seizure of electronic device by agencies, days after the Delhi Police conducted searches at the news portal The Wire and its editors' residences; court imposes ₹25,000 on Centre for no reply

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has imposed a cost of ₹25,000 on the Union government for failing to file a counter affidavit in connection with a petition by a group of academics within a stipulated time period, asking for the framing of guidelines on the search and seizure of electronic devices by investigating agencies.

In August, expressing dissatisfaction over its affidavit, the court directed the government that another affidavit should be furnished within six weeks. On Friday, the court gave a further two-week time period to the government for submitting the counter affidavit.

The development came against the backdrop of the recent seizures made by the Delhi Police during the searches on the editors of *The Wire* and subsequent demand of the news portal for the "hash value" of the seized phones, computers and iPads, and for the cloned copies of the devices seized to be kept at a neutral place.

Another petition filed recently by the Foundation for Media Professionals in the Supreme Court has been tagged to the first one. It alleged that the existing rules did not regulate the police's power to search or seize digital devices and this purportedly enabled dubious practices. While the two petitions are pending in the Supreme Court, experts are of the view that there should be more safeguards in the procedure for the seizure of digital devices.

In the SC, the Foundation for Media Professionals says that rules do not regulate the police's power to search and seizure. FILE PHOTO

Explaining the existing procedure, Navneet Rajan Wasan, former Director-General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development, who also headed the NIA, said the standalone digital devices were seized in the presence of two independent witnesses and sealed following the prescribed drill so that they were not damaged during transportation. They are then transmitted to the Forensic Science Laboratory, with a request for making a mirror image of the device to be used for the purpose of investigation and for analysis.

The mirror image is created using a standard copying tool and by attaching a "write-protector" in order to ensure data integrity. Before the start of the copying process, "hash value" is generated for proving authenticity of data contained in the device by the FSL. The same may be produced before the court to allay any allegation of tampering with the data, after it is seized.

"Unless these laid down procedures are followed in seizing and sealing of evidence, and transmission to the FSL, there is a scope of tampering with the data," Mr. Wasan said.

A Delhi Police officer told *The Hindu*: "At the time of seizure of any electronic device, the hash value of the digital document is not provided to the accused and is only provided later to the court for verifying the authenticity."

Requesting anonymity, he said: "Electronic evidence is admissible before court and the police has the right to procure it... the Investigating Officer preserves the proof and extracts only the relevant bit for further use."

Himachal Pradesh records 75.6% voter turnout, beats 2017 figure

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Himachal Pradesh registered a voter turnout of 75.6% in the Assembly election on Saturday, according to the Election Commission. The final turnout recorded in the 2017 election was 75.57%.

While 74.6% votes were registered through electronic voting machines, 1% was recorded through postal ballots, taking the overall turnout to 75.6%. Nearly 2% of the postal ballots are yet to be received.

At 85.25%, the highest polling percentage was reported from Doon. Shimla recorded the lowest of 62.53%. Dharampur registered an increase of 6.93%, going up to 70.54% from 63.6% in 2017, Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, said.

Similarly, in Jaisinghpur, the polling percentage improved from 63.79 in 2017 to 65.31, in Bhoranj from 65.04 to 68.55, in Solan from 66.45 to 66.84, in Barsar from 69.06 to 71.17, and in Hamirpur from 68.52 to 71.28%.

Waiting for results: EVMs and VVPATs are being transported by helicopter to the strong room in Lahaul Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh on Sunday. PTI

However, in Shimla (U) and Baijnath, the percentage dipped slightly from 63.93 in 2017 to 62.53 and from 64.92 to 63.46, respectively.

As many as 27,88,925 men, 27,36,306 women and 38 third gender voters exercised their franchise, comprising about 72.4% of the State's total male, 76.8% of women and 68.4% of its third gender population.

Collegium system of appointing judges is perfect: ex-CJI Lalit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former CJI U.U. Lalit

The collegium system of appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts is "perfect", former Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said on Sunday. Justice Lalit, who retired on November 8, said the process of appointment should not go on indefinitely, adding that this has deprived the courts of much-needed talent.

Justice Lalit, talking to the media, also explained the circumstances which led to the court hearing the government's appeal against the acquittal of G.N. Saibaba, who is accused of having Maoist links, on a Saturday.

The former CJI said his Bench had already risen on that day, a Friday. This led the government to mention the case for urgent listing before a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, the then-number two judge and the present CJI. The Chandrachud Bench did not agree to pass an order to stay the acquittal and asked the government to mention the case on Monday. It, however, recorded the government's intention to approach the Registry in order to get directions from CJI Lalit to list the case on October 15 (Saturday). Justice Lalit said he was not told about the reservations expressed by Justice Chandrachud to list the appeal on Saturday.

Population criterion for new Eklavya schools 'impractical', says parliamentary panel

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Tribal Affairs Ministry intends to go ahead with its plan to build new Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) on 15 acres of land in all sub-districts which have Scheduled Tribe communities of more than 20,000 people who make up at least 50% of their total population, despite a Parliamentary panel saying that this criterion is "impractical".

Earlier this year, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment recommended immediate review of this criterion, pointing to significant difficulties in identifying and acquiring lands in several districts, especially in forested or hilly areas where a contigious 15-acre plot is hard to find. This criterion would also deprive scattered ST populations of the benefit of the Eklavya schools, the panel said.

However, the Tribal Affairs Ministry is pushing ahead, with officials in the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) saying that there is no process as of yet to even review the guidelines as

Arjun Munda

suggested by the Standing Committee. Tribal Affairs Secretary Anil Kumar Jha told *The Hindu*, "These criteria were decided and finalised by the Cabinet and we intend to go ahead with it." President Droupadi Murmu is set to lay the foundation stones for seven more such schools in Jharkhand on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15. While Ministry officials said that 688 EMRS have been sanctioned so far, of which 392 are functional, only a total of 230 schools are functioning from their own buildings.

However, as per data presented by the government to the Standing Committee as of the end of 2021-22, a total of 232 sanctioned EMRS were yet to begin construction.

The government had submitted that in many areas where the population criterion is met, suitable land is not available for constructing the schools and even if the land is available, the legal acquisition of the land is taking time. Further, it said that in several areas where land was identified, "several discrepancies also been noticed", which it is taking time to resolve. These were the problems raised by the respective State governments, the Ministry told the Committee.

A senior NESTS official said, "Most of the places we are identifying for EMRSs, there is no land available inside the village or the block. So we are having to go to the outskirts, where in many cases, whatever we are identifying is turning out to be forested land, for which permissions take longer than usual."

Responding to the Committee's recommendations, Minister Arjun Munda told *The Hindu*, "Look, our government will look at all levels of populations. This criteria is just for the first phase. Once we have set up all the schools under this phase, we will look at building the schools for areas with smaller populations."

Amit Shah directs officials to identify 100 'infiltrators' in every State and deport them

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

In August, the Home Minister had asked State police chiefs to keep strict vigil on demographic changes in border districts

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has asked top intelligence officials to make an example of "infiltrators" by detecting, detaining, and deporting them. At a meeting with the Subsidiary Intelligence Bureaus (SIB) of all States on November 9, Mr. Shah tasked the officials with identifying around 100 "illegal migrants" in each State, check their documents, and arrest and deport them if possible, senior government officials told *The Hindu*. He asked officials to continue with the targeted crackdown even if the neighbouring countries do not accept the undocumented migrants.

This is not the first time that Mr. Shah has flagged an influx of such undocumented migrants, along with demographic changes in border States, as one of the key internal security challenges in the country.

Demographic changes

On August 17 and 18, at the National Security Strategies Conference organised by the Intelligence Bureau (IB), which was attended by the chiefs of State police, Mr. Shah asked them to keep a strict vigil on demographic changes and radicalisation in border districts. The IB made a presentation on the rising Muslim population in the border districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and sought to link these population changes to extreme poverty in these areas as projected in the National Family Health Survey data.

An official, who attended the meeting, said Mr. Shah was not convinced with the explanation, and asked for a thorough analysis of the factors contributing to such changes.

At the annual Director-General of Police conference held from November 19 to 21, the Uttar Pradesh police presented a paper stating that the population growth in general in border areas was higher than the national average, and that there has been a steady growth in Muslim population in the border villages. It said that a significant increase in the numbers of mosques and madrassas (seminaries) over the past few years have confirmed the fallout of changing demographics on both sides of the border.

The presentation said out of 1,047 villages in the border districts of Maharajganj, Siddharthnagar, Balrampur, Bahraich, Shravasti, Pilibhit and Khiri, 303 had a Muslim population between 30-50%, while 116 had a Muslim population of more than 50%. The total number of mosques and madrassas in border districts stood at 1,349 in February 2018, which increased to 1,688 in September 2021, a 25% increase, the U.P police paper said.

Conversions flagged

At the November 9 meeting, the Minister asked officials to keep an eye on organised religious conversion by Christian groups as evident from incidents of Sikhs converting to Christianity, another official said. The Akal Takht, the highest temporal authority of the Sikhs, demanded an anti-conversion law in Punjab, citing forced conversions.

POCSO is not meant to criminalise consensual relationships: Delhi HC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court remarked that the intention of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was to protect children below the age of 18 from sexual exploitation and it was never meant to criminalise consensual romantic relationships between young adults.

The observation was made by Justice Jasmeet Singh while granting bail to a young man, who was arrested by the Delhi Police, based on an FIR filed by the father of a minor girl who accused him of raping and kidnapping his 17-year-old daughter with an intent to compel her to marriage.

The man had moved the court for bail, stating that he has been in custody since December 31, 2021. His counsel argued before the court that this is a case where the girl came with the man out of her own will. The counsel said on October 27, 2021, the girl came to the house of the man and the next day they went to Punjab and got married.

The girl had last year approached the High Court of Punjab and Haryana stating that she had married the man out of her own will.

"In my opinion, the intention of POCSO was to protect children below the age of 18 years from sexual exploitation. It was never meant to criminalise consensual romantic relationships between young adults," Justice Singh said.

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Devatharsan

Bharat Jodo Yatra will ensure Centre is held accountable: Cong.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Sunday said the Bharat Jodo Yatra has been successful in achieving its objective of raising people's issues and going forward it will ensure that the government is held accountable.

It also asserted that "untruths" spread about Rahul Gandhi to malign his image have been "demolished" by the yatra and his "reality" has come to the fore before the country.

Addressing a press conference, Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar said the yatra has been successful beyond expectations.

"When it started, there were a lot of questions about whether people would come or not or whether we will be able to cover 25 km every day. The last 60 days have passed in a jiffy now," he said.

The yatra has achieved its first objective and people know that it is being undertaken to highlight their issues, he said.

Second objective

It has to now move towards its second objective which is to ensure that the government is held accountable on issues of the people and country, he said.

Asked if there has been a change in Mr. Gandhi's image due to the yatra, Mr. Kumar said, "So much had been said about Mr. Rahul. Reporters ask if his image will improve, I would say his reality will be before the people of the country."

All these untruths created about him have been "demolished and proved baseless", he said, adding that Mr. Gandhi's reality is now visible to the people. Mr. Kumar said price rise and unemployment were the two main issues that came up in feedback from people during the yatra.

BJP faces protests, rebellion as senior leaders denied ticket for Gujarat Assembly election

The ruling party faces issues in several seats as local cadre and workers are sulking over the nominations; the party has released a list of 166 candidates, dropped as many as 40 sitting legislators and roped in many Congress defectors in a bid to cut down anti-incumbency factor in State

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AHMEDABAD

In Gujarat, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is struggling to pacify rebels in over a dozen seats as the party is bringing in new faces to replace the old guard. The State is scheduled to go to the polls in two phases on December 1 and 5.

Madhu Srivastav, MLA for Vaghodia in Vadodara, has resigned from the party after he was denied ticket from his pocket borough, where he has won six times. He is now set to contest as an Independent candidate. He even refused to meet Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi, who has been asked to manage Mr. Srivastav and two other leaders who have also been denied ticket and are now on the warpath with the party.

The BJP has so far declared nearly 166 candidates. As many as 40 MLAs have been dropped, included several top Ministers, in a bid to bring in new faces to cut down the anti-incumbency factor in the State.

The party's exercise to bring in new faces and also rope in a large number of Congress turncoats has riled its own cadres and leaders who have held protests in their local areas, rushed to the party headquarters in Gandhinagar, and even went to media publicly venting their anger towards the party leadership.

While some disgruntled leaders have said they will make their next move after consulting supporters, former BJP MLA and the party's known tribal face,

Strong pushback: Gujarat is scheduled to go to the polls in two phases on December 1 and 5. VIJAY SONEJI

Harshad Vasava, filed his nomination papers on Friday as an Independent for the Nandod seat reserved for the Scheduled Tribes.

Mr. Vasava is the president of Gujarat BJP's Scheduled Tribe Morcha and represented the erstwhile Rajpipla seat between 2002 and 2007 and from 2007 to 2012.

Aggrieved with the party's decision, he resigned from the party before submitting his papers.

He contended that the loyal and committed party workers were overlooked while imports from other parties were given prominence in the selection process. Nandod in Narmada district is currently held by the Congress. The BJP has fielded Darshana Deshmukh, daughter of the late Chandu Deshmukh, former MP.

In Vadodara district, a former BJP MLA, Dinesh Patel, of Padra seat said he would contest the election independently. The BJP has given ticket to Chaitanyasinh Zala. The seat is held by the Congress.

In Karjan, former BJP MLA Satish Patel is angry after the BJP decided to repeat Akshay Patel, a Congress import who defected to the ruling party in 2020 and won the byelection to the seat. "Akshay Patel will not be acceptable to the local party workers," he said, adding, "He would contest the polls independently." Both Dinesh Patel and Satish Patel have apparently refused to meet Mr. Sanghavi, who has been roped in as the troubleshooter.

In Saurashtra, former legislator Arvind Ladani has resigned from the party after he failed to get the party's nomination from Keshod seat. He was the MLA for the seat from 2012 to 2017. The party has repeated its sitting MLA Devabhai Malam; who is also a Minister in the government. In fact, Ladani was dropped in 2017 to bring in Malam, who won the seat during anti-BJP wave in Saurashtra.

The BJP faces issues in several other seats as local workers are sulking over the nominations.

Congress fields Mevani from Vadgam constituency

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NEW DELHI

The Congress on Sunday released two lists of 39 candidates for the Gujarat Assembly elections.

The party is fielding Jignesh Mevani from the Vadgam constituency.

The party first released its fifth list with six candidates including Manhar Patel from Botad in place of Ramesh Mer. Later, it released a list of 33 candidates, taking the total number of candidates declared so far to 142.

No thick, swaying coconut groves here, but this is also 'Kerala'

With the Assembly election on in Gujarat, residents of a little village in Morbi district are amused by the interest that their place is drawing just over its name; there are no clear answers to how the village got its name, except for an improbable myth that has been handed down generations

Sobhana K. Nair
WAKANER (GUJARAT)

Untouched by the interminable debate on the 'Gujarat model' versus the 'Kerala model' started by an argument between two economists Jagdish Bhagwati and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen is a little village called "Kerala" in Gujarat's Morbi district.

The villagers here know nothing about Mr. Bhagwati's analysis of the Gujarat model of development, which he reckoned was superior to the contrasting Kerala model of development. One based on private entrepreneurship-driven development and the other, as Mr. Sen countered, on high social spending, resulting in growth. Over the years, this debate has taken various shapes, with political masters of the two States hitting out at each other, event during the pandemic.

The twists and turns of these debates hardly make a difference for the villagers of 'Kerala', about 10 km from Wakaner town. They are amused by the interest that their little village is drawing just over its name.

Unique name: The sign board of Kerala village near Wankaner, Gujarat on November 10. VIJAY SONEJI

The entire area came under the Wakaner princely State. There are no clear answers to how the village got its name except for an improbable myth that has been handed down generations. Mukesh Bhagat, the priest of the village temple, tells the story.

"One can't say, whether it was intentionally planted or it all grew wild, the site where our village stands today had a dense banana grove. About 150 years ago, the river flooded and swept away the entire plantation. And remembering that was born Kerala - the village of *Kelas* or banana," he averred. The story hardly adds up to the connection between *Kela* (banana) plantations and Kerala.

Ramesh Dhamji Bhai Ladher, a farmer, has not heard the names of the economists who spurred the debate and he knows very little about the homonymous State except that it has a 100% literacy rate. But he says Gujarat is far more developed. "*Woh Shikshit hai aur hum vikasit hai* [They are literate but we are developed]," he states without a trace of irony.

AAP's CM candidate to contest from Khambhalia

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AHMEDABAD

The Aam Aadmi Party's Gujarat chief ministerial candidate Isudan Gadhvi will contest the Gujarat Assembly election from Khambhalia seat, the party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal announced on Sunday.

Mr. Gadhvi, who hails from an agricultural family from Dwarka district, had received around 73% votes (in the poll for the CM face), leaving Italia and Sorathiya behind in the race.

Diamond workers in Surat evince interest in AAP's promises

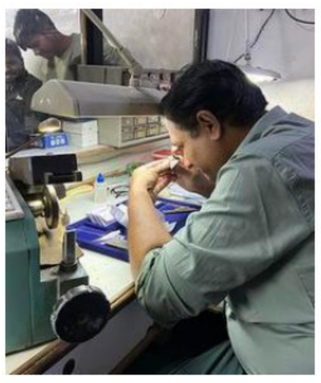
Abhinay Deshpande
SURAT

Workers in Surat's famous diamond cutting and polishing sector, reeling under the twin problems of unemployment and low wages amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict that has snapped the supply of rough stones, appear to be looking at the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) manifesto with interest. The party's promise of 300 units of free power is the most talked about, followed by its initiatives in free education and healthcare.

At Gayatri Society, a hub for cutting and polishing units in the 'diamond city' and an area which falls under the Varaccha Road Assembly segment, a large section of workers are tilting towards the new entrant.

"The AAP, hitherto insignificant in Gujarat, has made promises that speak to the heart of diamond workers here," Shaileshbhai Malani, who was busy polishing a tiny diamond in a workshop on the second floor of a building, said.

He said that the manifesto of the party appealed to them with its slew of freebies, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been openly speaking about ending the "*revdi* culture". "The prices of essential commodities are skyrocketing, but our salaries have remained the same. Many of us are even uncertain about our job since there is no supply of rough stones from Russia," Vijay, another worker employed as a polisher, said. A majority of the workers in the diamond cutting and polishing sector, who make up a substantial part of the voting landscape here, belong to the Paridar community, and were once considered staunch BJP voters, but they are now venting their ire on the ruling party for not coming to their rescue in their hour of difficulty.



A diamond worker at a society in Surat. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

There are over four lakh diamond polishing and cutting workers in the city. Of them, nearly 80,000 workers voters in the Varachha Assembly segment, which has already supported the AAP in the Surat civic polls "We are going to get their unconditional support. The workers are with us," Alpesh Katariya, the AAP's candidate for the Varachha Road Assembly seat, said.

When contacted, BJP spokesperson Yamal Vyas said the party was aware of the workers' current mood, and its committee members were trying to address their concerns.

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INBRIEF

Udaipur-Ahmedabad railway track shows cracks after blast

The newly inaugurated Udaipur-Ahmedabad broad gauge railway track developed cracks after an explosion occurred on the Odha bridge in Udaipur district on Sunday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the inaugural run of the Asarwa-Udaipur express train on the track in Ahmedabad on October 31. The blast took place a few hours before the train was to pass through the bridge. Some mining explosives and detonators were found at the spot, hinting at the possibility of a conspiracy. The Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of the Rajasthan police arrived for an investigation. The police said all aspects of the blast, including sabotage and suspected plan to blow up the bridge, would be investigated.

J&K withdraws blanket ban order on heating gadgets

Facing a public outcry, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has withdrawn the ban on sale of electric heating gadgets in Ganderbal and only "prohibited use of banned nichrome coil-based crude water-heaters and crude cooking-heaters". The fresh order which was issued by Shyambir, District Magistrate, Ganderbal, reads: "I amend the operative part of said order and issue directions as for efficient use of energy, its conservation and for safety of life and property, do hereby prohibit sale, purchase and use of banned nichrome coil based crude water-heaters and crude cooking- heaters, which do not conform to the relevant specifications of the Bureau of Indian Standard."

Skyroot's rocket launch moved due to weather issue

Inclement weather conditions have put off the sub-orbital launch of India's first privately developed rocket - Vikram-S - to November 18, the Hyderabad-based space start up Skyroot Aerospace said on Sunday. The launch was scheduled for November 15. The maiden mission of Skyroot Aerospace, named 'Prarambh' (the beginning), will carry payloads of two Indian and one foreign customers, and is set for launch from the Indian Space Research Organisation's launchpad at Sriharikota. The mission is considered a milestone for Skyroot as it will help validate 80% of the technologies that would be used in the Vikram-1 orbital vehicle. PTI

Punjab bans public display of arms, songs on gun culture

Under fire from the Opposition over the law and order issue, the AAP-led Punjab government on Sunday banned public display of firearms and songs promoting gun culture and violence. The government also ordered a review of arms licences within the next three months, according to an official order. Directions were issued for registration of an FIR against those indulging in hate speech against any community. The State witnessed the killing of Shiv Sena (Taksali) leader Sudhir Suri and Dera Sacha Sauda follower Pardeep Singh on November 10. PTI

Extra-regional fishing fleets present in Indian Ocean: Navy

SPECIAL

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NEW DELHI

More than 200 Chinese fishing vessels have been monitored in the Indian Ocean in the first half of this year, according to the Indian Navy, even as illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing continues to rise beyond India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Most of the illegal activities are found in the northern Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

Such fishing depletes fish stocks, destroys marine habitats, puts fishermen at a disadvantage and affects coastal communities, especially in developing countries.

Vessels from China, European Union countries and other nations from outside the region were observed to be fishing in the Indian Ocean, the Navy said in its written reply to queries from *The Hindu*.

"The presence of extra-regional distant water fishing fleets has been monitored by the Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC). Chinese fishing vessels numbering 200 to 250 have been monitored in the Indian Ocean, with a large concentration in the northern Indian Ocean," said the Navy, in its written response, without giving any details of specific occurrences. "A total of 392 reported incidents of IUU fishing were monitored in 2021 compared to 379 in 2020 in the Indian Ocean."

As reported earlier, there has been a growing incidence of Chinese deep-sea fishing trawlers in the Indian Ocean, in addition to an overall rise of China's maritime presence in the region.

Two Chinese research vessels which can track missile tests are also currently in the IOR.

Chinese deep-sea trawlers have been a matter of concern for countries in the region, including India, as they are operating far from the Chinese coast and impacting local marine ecology. For instance, between 2015 and 2019, on an average, at least 500 Chinese deep-sea trawlers were present in the region.

Troubled waters: All vessel movements on the high seas are monitored by the Navy. V. RAJU

Unregistered vessels

In a changing pattern, there is now a huge surge in unregistered Chinese fishing vessels among those operating in the IOR, it has been learnt.

An official in the know said that in the last couple of months, close to 140 Chinese fishing vessels have been monitored carrying out fishing beyond India's EEZ, in the North Western IOR. "However, only approximately one-third of these had licences for such activities, which borders on the lines of being categorised as IUU," the official stated.

As per United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), coastal nations are responsible for addressing IUU fishing issues within their respective EEZ. There are regional fisheries management organisations such as the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement operating under the mandate of UNCLOS as regulatory bodies to monitor IUU fishing on the high seas.

Joint Quad monitoring

Recognising the impact of such fishing which can lead to the depletion of fish stocks affecting marine ecology, the Quad, comprising India, Australia, Japan and U.S., in May 2022 announced a major regional effort within the ambit of the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA).

It aims to provide a more accurate maritime picture of "near-real-time" activities in the region. "It (IPMDA) is expected to catalyse joint efforts of India and other Quad partners towards addressing IUU in Indo-Pacific region," the Navy said.

All vessel movements on the high seas are monitored by the Indian Navy's IMAC in Gurugram and the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), which is co-located with it. IFC-IOR has been collaborating with other regional monitoring centres across the globe to enhance maritime safety and security, including efforts to monitor IUU, the Navy said, adding that it "undertakes satellite monitoring of vessels operating in the IOR to track such vessels."

There are two main regulations globally on IUU fishing: the Cape Town Agreement and the Agreement on Ports State Measures. So far, India is not a signatory of either agreement.

Fishing vessels across the world are supposed to have vehicle management systems installed which not only identify their position, but also requires them to record the volume and location of their catch, helping to tackle the issue of IUU fishing.

Indian business groups are a rising presence at COP-27

12 to 15 teams are present at Sharm el-Sheikh; those in the renewable energy business and industrialists dependent on fossil fuels are keen on participating in the climate conference

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

While the annual gatherings of the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP) are dominated by the presence of government delegations and climate activists, there is a sharp rise in participation by Indian business delegations in recent years, according to analysts and long-time participants at these conferences.

While the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the umbrella body under which the COPs are held, maintains statistics on participation by different interest groups and their national affiliations, it doesn't, however, specifically break them down by businesses or environmental organisations. Nearly 33,000 delegates have registered for COP27, making it likely the second-largest in COP history. India's delegation size, which represents government representatives, is 70.

Climate calling: Nearly 33,000 delegates have registered for COP-27, making it likely the second-largest in COP history. AFP

Mahendra Singhi, managing director and CEO, Dalmia Cement, told *The Hindu* that there were "12-15 businesses" at the ongoing COP and this was a steady increase from previous COPs. "The opportunity to learn, be part of panels, and present the steps we have taken as a country, industry and company to adapt to newer practices to nearly 40,000 participants [who attend the two weeks of the conference] is very valuable," he said in a phone conversation from Sharm el-Sheikh. "Going ahead, we are in talks with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to increase Indian participation."

The 21st COP in Paris in 2015, which resulted in the Paris Agreement, was a turning point that piqued participation, say experts. The Paris Agreement saw all countries accept that the globe could not be allowed to warm beyond 2 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, and as far as possible, this ought to be limited to 1.5 degrees. In November 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the commitment that India would be "net zero" or carbon neutral by 2070.

"Net zero is a big shift but even a few years before that, government policy has been visibly changing its stance from the traditional position [of not being significantly responsible for historical CO2 levels], such as promoting solar energy. Private sector can see this visibly, they have their money on the table. Till 2015, they felt they could ignore it but now the global rhetoric is changing and they see they have to adapt," Vaibhav Chaturvedi, who has attended multiple COP conferences and leads climate and energy policy at the public policy think tank Council for Energy, Environment and Water, said.

"There are three groups of businesspersons who visit COP: those in the renewable energy business; industrialists dependent on fossil fuel; and those interested in the 'optics', such as conglomerates who not only want to be seen as committed to clean energy but also eyeing potential agreements," Sambitosh Mahaptra, a participant in COPs who leads the environment and sustainability practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers India, said.

Finding Indian language equivalents for selfie, drones...

Panel on technical terminology will soon launch a website, which will invite suggestions

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'Selfie', 'drones', 'metaverse' and 'Artificial Intelligence' are among the new "technical" English words that have become a part of Indian psyche and culture but have no formal translations into Indian languages. Unable to find standardised vernacular versions of these words in common usage, the government body responsible for their coinage in Indian languages is turning to crowdsourcing.

The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), which has the mandate to evolve technical terminology in all Indian languages, will soon launch *Shabd Shala*, a website which will invite suggestions for translation of words that are recent additions to the English language and are used widely in the country. People across India can log onto the website and provide suggestions for possible translations of these words or their most prevalent usages in their respective languages.

The website for the initiative is expected to be functional in six months.

"We are waiting for approvals from the Education Ministry, which are expected very soon," Girishnath Jha, Chairperson, CSTT, told *The Hindu*.

"We will invite suggestions in all Indian languages and not restrict ourselves to the main 22 languages [covered under the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution]. People can provide us with translations in even Bhojpuri and Nagamese," he said.

After collating all the suggestions, the Technical Words Selection Committee will zero in on the most popular or appropriate translations for each word, following which a glossary would be brought out in all the respective languages.

The committee, to be constituted in consultation with the Education Ministry, will comprise subject experts in science and technology, and experts in linguistics and the Sanskrit language.

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(set by KrisKross)

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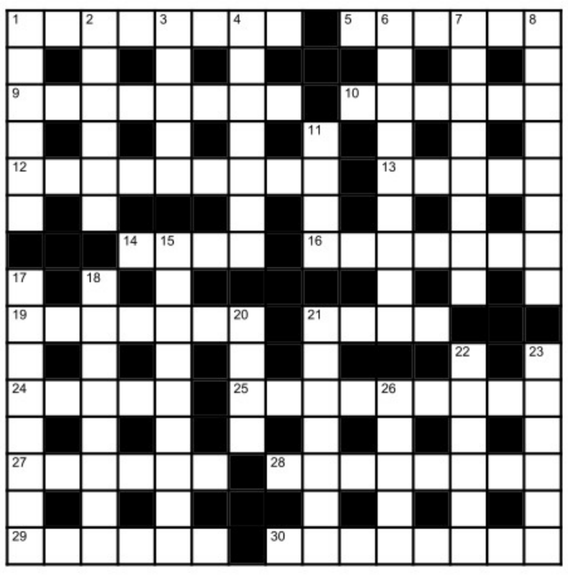

Across

1 Groups full of hunger, eventually get mid-morning meals (8)
5 Rocket's beginning to enter space, travelling for a long distance (6)
9 Spoil health frequently? Perhaps get treatment here (8)
10 Dream about embracing one's love (6)
12 Sweetheart, with innate love lost, discarding ring (9)
13 Habit or attire, mostly new (5)
14 Spots rebel hiding in broken car (4)
16 Setter will finally crack tricky poser - it reveals a surprise (7)
19 Launch of new product function shortly by Yahoo (4,3)
21 Finals of IPL - Kolkata needs grit to survive (4)
24 Disadvantage in going through problem after reflection (5)
25 Small one at home about to be protected by adult (9)
27 Editorial article from Paris read wrongly (6)
28 Makes corrections in ceremonies after team leader leaves (8)
29 Reason state controls money going around (6)
30 Waiters starting to serve the hungry children (8)

Down

1 What is right in courageous act (6)
2 Weapons used to displace government finding no takers (6)
3 Stones dog (5)
4 Check fire over pit (7)
6 Luxury car is not engineered for trials (9)
7 Black traps one, removing knight? Correct (8)
8 Being sick, tear to inject antidote (8)
11 Maybe dogs walk back (4)
15 Observation point from where one can see a murder? (5,4)
17 Doctor overwhelmed by terrible ulcers collapses (8)
18 Soldier breaks open fruit (8)
20 Book not from this author (4)
21 Gave money, hiding name? That's generous (7)
22 Speak softly using roof of mouth, say (6)
23 Teacher initially comforts kids (6)
26 Weapon is confined after breaking tip (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Following the predecessors

In his Sri Guna Ratna Kosa, Parasara Bhatta sets about praising Goddess Mahalakshmi. But Bhatta is hesitant, because he feels he is unqualified for the task. He asks how he can attempt something like this, when Brahma and sages have declared their incompetence to praise Her. Any attempt by him to sing Her praise is only to cleanse his impure tongue. The Goddess might ask why Bhatta cannot praise Her when Brahma and others had done so. Bhatta's reply will be that they too considered themselves unfit to sing of Her.

Bhatta is following in the footsteps of his predecessors, through his naichyanusandhanam, said Thenthirupperai Aravindalochanan, in a discourse. His words of speaking poorly of himself come under the category of naichyanusandhanam.. It is not that he lacks the capacity to praise the Goddess. It is the custom among great devotees to speak of themselves in such terms, even as they praise the Lord and His Consort.

The naichyanusandhanam of Parasara Bhatta reminds one of similar sentiments expressed by Acharyas who preceded him. Alavandar, in his Stotra Ratna, says that when Brahma, Siva and others could not praise Lord Narayana, he (Alavandar) was trying to do so. Parasara Bhatta's father Kooratazhvan, in his Sri Stava, declares that Goddess Sridevi has an infinite number of auspicious qualities. How can anyone praise Her adequately when this is the case? He says even the lord of speech, namely Brahma, cannot praise the Goddess. Any attempt to praise Her countless qualities would be laughable. No ordinary mortal can hope to praise Her.

ASKUS

N. Sree Kanth

Q My father bought one ground in 1970 for ₹9,500 and it was transferred to my name in 1984 through a settlement deed. It was mentioned in the document that the temporary market value was ₹7000.
1) Will the transfer of property through settlement be deemed as transfer through sale?
2) Will the capital gains be calculated on the purchase price paid by my father from 1970 or by me in 1984?
3) How can I avail the option of substituting the cost of purchase with the market rates as on 01/04/2001 as the cost of acquisition?
4) How can I obtain PWD valuation for my house? Kindly guide me.
C. SUBRAMANIAN

A Point-wise reply:
1) Transfer of property from relatives as defined in Section 56 (2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in the form of a settlement deed will not be deemed as a sale and does not attract any capital gains at the time of settlement/inheritance
2) The cost that is to be adopted when a capital asset is settled or inherited is the cost of the original owner, that is the cost that your father incurred at the time of his purchase
Points 3 and 4: The assessee is given the option to adopt the original cost of the property or the market rates as on 01/04/2001. It is advised the same be adopted as market rate as on 01/04/2001 as it will be much higher than the original cost and the ensuing capital gains amount will be lower.
You may check the market rates as on 01/04/2001 with the relevant Sub-Registrar's Office for the land or the undivided share portion. You may appoint an approved valuer who shall arrive at the value of the property as on 01/04/2001 and the guideline value as on date of sale. In certain States, PWD valuation can be arrived at using their online tools which can be adopted.

Q I am a senior citizen who has made capital gains from sale of shares. As per my sharebroker, LTCG is ₹1,76,000 and STCG ₹12,400. Please advise on my tax liability and exemption if any. I also have earnings from mutual funds received after tax deduction. My investment of ₹50,000 in ELSS has fetched me ₹71,000 after a lock-in of 3 years.
DEEPAK DAS

A Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) arising from equity shares (STT paid at the time of purchase and sale) and equity-oriented mutual funds are taxed at 10%. However, the tax on such LTCG is payable for the LTCG exceeding ₹1,00,000 only. In your case, 10% tax is payable on ₹76,000. Short Term Capital Gains are taxable arising from equity shares (STT paid at the time of purchase and sale) and equity-oriented mutual funds are taxed at 15%. The ELSS mutual funds, being equity-oriented mutual funds, are taxable at 10% as the limit of tax-free LTCG ₹1,00,000 has already been exceeded.

Q I am a government staff residing in Delhi. My parents are senior citizens and their health insurance premia is about ₹35,000 a year which is paid by me. Is there any way by which both me and my sister (who is also a Central government employee) can split this contribution so that we can both claim deduction under section 80D of ITR? Also, are we allowed to claim IT benefits for the life insurance premia of parents under section 80C, if it is paid by us?
AJIN KRISHNAN

A Deduction under Section 80D of the Income Tax Act, 1961 can be claimed only by the person making the health insurance payment on behalf of their dependant parents who are senior citizens or otherwise. Under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961, life insurance premia can be claimed as deduction only for self, spouse and children. The deduction benefit is not extended to life insurance premia paid on behalf of /for the parents.
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How the SC ruling affects your pension payouts

Last week, the Supreme Court gave some employees a window of opportunity to opt for the Employees' Pension Scheme, a scheme guaranteed by the Government of India

RETIREMENT BENEFIT

Aarati Krishnan

Successive governments in India have been trying to wean workers away from defined benefit pension plans, to market-linked ones. This is perhaps why the long-pending Supreme Court case on the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) has generated so much interest.

Last week, the Supreme Court gave some employees a window of opportunity to opt for the EPS, a scheme guaranteed by the Government of India. Here's what the ruling means for retirement plans.

Backdrop to ruling
All new employees joining the organised sector are automatically enrolled in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), meant to help employees with retirement savings.

Once you join EPF, your employer deducts 12% of your basic pay (plus permanent components such as dearness allowance) every month towards the fund, while making a matching contribution.

The EPF declares a fixed interest on your accumulated balance every year and pays you a lumpsum on retirement. While your 12% contribution goes entirely into your EPF account, 8.33% of your employer's contribution goes into the EPS, a separate scheme meant to fund guaranteed pension after retirement. The government also adds 1.16% of pay to the EPS kitty every month.

On September 1, 2014, the government brought in certain amendments to restrict the EPS benefit to those earning less than ₹15,000/month and change pension calculation methodology. These changes were opposed by employees in some States who obtained a stay.

But last week, the Supreme Court (SC) pronounced its judgment, upholding the changes.

The ruling has implications for all employees who are current or past members of EPF.

Whether you stand to gain or lose from the ruling depends mainly on two factors - whether you joined the EPF before September 1, 2014, or after, and whether your monthly pay comes to more than ₹15,000 or less. Here are the implications.

If you are an employee who joined the EPF after September 1, 2014, then your ability to benefit from EPS will now depend on your monthly pay. If your monthly basic pay exceeds ₹15,000, then you are not eligible to join the EPS.

Both, your own contribution and employer's contribution, amounting to 12% each of basic pay, will go only into EPF account resulting in a lumpsum payout on retirement.

But this is not a bad thing. The EPF too is a high return-earning vehicle which has declared interest rates of 8%-plus even when market interest rates were hitting rock-bottom.

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It is also a tax-efficient scheme. If you want a guaranteed pension after retirement, there are immediate annuity plans offered by insurers and schemes such as LIC's PM Vaya Vandana Yojana to consider.

If you joined EPF after September 1, 2014, and earn less than ₹15,000, then you can benefit from the EPS. Your employer may already be contributing 8.33% of your basic pay to the EPS kitty every month. On retirement, you will be eligible to get a guaranteed pension from the government for lifetime. Read this for more on EPS: *https://www.thehindu.com/business/all-you-wanted-to-know-about-employees-pension-scheme/article29310550.ece*

To avail of EPS, you should have completed 10 years of service with organisations that are members of the EPFO. The quantum of pension will depend on your pensionable service (the number of years you have worked with EPF member firms) and pensionable pay after applying the cap.

The SC has upheld the government rule that the average will be based on the last 60 months pay and not 12 months. You can use the calculator provided by the EPFO to gauge how much pension you are likely to draw. *https://www.epfindia.gov.in/EP_Cal/pension.html*

Older employees
If you have been a member of the EPF from before September 1, 2014, then your eligibility for EPS depends on your pay. If you earn less than ₹15,000 a month you will be an automatic EPS member on the terms explained above.

If you earn more than ₹15,000 a month, both your employer's contribution and pensionable pay were to be capped at ₹15,000 a month. But the SC has granted such employees relief by saying that the EPFO shall give them four months' time to join the EPS at their actual pay, even if higher than ₹15,000. This can substantially lift your pension payout. This will require your employer's consent and diversion of your employer's past EPF contributions to the EPS at 8.33% of actual pay.

The SC has struck down the government requirement that you need to contribute an extra 1.16% of your pay over ₹15,000 to join EPS. Detailed guidelines from the EPFO are awaited on the modalities for joining.

Diversify investments

THINKINVESTOR

Your portfolio should be like marine animal Man O' War. It should contain different products, all working towards one objective – accumulating enough money to achieve life goals

Venkatesh Bangaruswamy

Diversification as a concept is easy to understand but difficult to apply. For many individuals, diversification means holding a number of products and securities in investment portfolio. Here, we discuss why such a portfolio could fail in its objective-to mitigate losses when stock markets tank.

Man O' War portfolio
You may be aware of Portuguese Man O' war, a marine animal. This animal is unusual in that it is a colony of genetically-identical animals performing various functions such as feeding and reproduction, but all working together as a single entity. In some ways, your portfolio is like a Man O' War. It should contain different products, all working towards one objective- accumulating enough money to achieve life goals.

Such a portfolio should protect downside risk yet offer upside potential. The problem is that most investments decline in value during a global crisis. That means diversification through various investments such as equity, bonds and real estate across countries may not be very helpful during a global crisis (example: the 2008 subprime crisis).

This does not mean diversification is meaningless. It does mean that you must use sophisticated models to create a Man O' War portfolio, not simply invest in different products. The issue is that resources required to create such a portfolio is beyond the scope of most individual investors.

The alternative portfolio is to create a simple portfolio that diversifies the sources of investment returns. Most investments offer two sources of returns – income returns and capital appreciation.

Your portfolio should, therefore, invest in two products- an equity investment to generate capital appreciation and a bond investment to generate income returns, given its finite life. That way, the bond investment can provide stable returns even if the stock market tanks.

The simplest way to create an alternative Man O' War portfolio is to invest in a bank recurring deposit (RD) with maturity that matches the time horizon for each life goal. Your equity investment could be in a large-cap index ETF or an active fund depending on your risk preferences. Note that an ETF carries only market risk whereas an active fund carries market and active risks. The latter is the risk that the active fund will underperform its benchmark index or generate negative alpha. Both, the RD and the ETF or the active fund can be set up through systematic plans from your monthly income, creating a disciplined approach to savings.

(The author offers training programmes for individuals to manage their personal investments)

Bank Fixed Deposit Rates

Bank Name	Interest Rates (%) Highest Slab	1-year Tenure	3-year Tenure	5-year Tenure
Small Finance Banks				
AU Small Finance Bank	7.50	5.85	7.50	6.95
Capital Small Finance Bank	7.25	6.65	6.65	6.50
Equitas Small Finance Bank	7.50	7.10	7.40	6.75
ESAF Small Finance Bank	8.00	5.50	5.75	5.25
Fincare Small Finance Bank	8.00	6.75	7.00	7.00
Jana Small Finance Bank	7.55	7.00	7.55	7.25
Suryoday Small Finance Bank	8.01	7.00	7.25	6.75
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	8.00	6.50	7.20	7.20
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	7.75	7.15	7.50	7.50
Private Sector Banks				
Axis Bank	6.50	6.25	6.50	6.50
Bandhan Bank	7.50	7.00	7.00	5.60
CSB Bank	7.50	5.00	5.75	5.75
DBS Bank	6.50	6.00	6.25	6.25
DCB Bank	7.50	6.75	7.50	7.25
HDFC Bank	6.50	5.50	6.50	6.50
ICICI Bank	6.35	6.10	6.20	6.35
IDFC First Bank	7.25	6.25	6.50	6.50
IndusInd Bank	7.00	6.25	6.75	6.75
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	6.25	6.25	5.75	6.00
Karnataka Bank	7.20	6.40	5.75	5.75
Karur Vysya Bank	7.25	6.50	7.00	6.25
Kotak Mahindra Bank	6.30	6.25	6.25	6.20
Nainital Bank	6.25	5.75	5.60	5.75
RBL Bank	7.25	6.50	6.75	6.55
SBM Bank India	6.60	6.40	6.60	6.60
South Indian Bank	7.00	6.40	5.90	6.00
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	6.50	6.25	6.50	6.50
Public Sector Banks				
Bank of Baroda	6.75	5.50	5.55	5.65
Bank of India	7.25	5.75	6.25	5.75
Bank of Maharashtra	5.75	6.00	6.00	5.75
Canara Bank	7.00	6.25	6.50	6.50
Indian Bank	6.50	6.10	6.40	6.40
Indian Overseas Bank	6.40	6.30	6.40	6.40
Punjab National Bank	7.00	6.30	6.25	6.10
Punjab & Sind Bank	6.25	6.10	6.10	6.10
State Bank of India	6.25	6.10	6.10	6.10
Union Bank of India	7.00	6.30	6.70	6.70
Foreign Banks				
Citibank	6.75	6.75	3.50	3.50
Deutsche Bank	7.25	6.25	7.00	7.00
HSBC Bank	7.00	3.10	6.50	6.00

Home Loan Interest Rates

Name of Lender	Loan Amount (Rs.) Upto 30 lakh	Above 30 lakh & upto 75 lakh	Above 75 lakh
			(In %)
Public Sector Banks			
State Bank of India	8.40-9.15	8.40-9.05	8.40-9.05
Bank of Baroda	8.45-9.95	8.45-9.95	8.45-10.20
Union Bank of India	8.25-10.15	8.25-10.35	8.25-10.35
Punjab National Bank	8.25 - 9.00	8.20 - 8.90	8.20 - 8.90
Bank of India	8.30-10.25	8.30-10.25	8.30-10.25
Canara Bank	8.55-13.35	8.55-13.35	8.55-13.35
UCO Bank	8.40-8.60	8.40-8.60	8.40-8.60
Bank of Maharashtra	8.00-10.20	8.00-10.35	8.00-10.45
Punjab and Sind Bank*	8.25-9.35	8.25-9.35	8.25-9.35
Indian Overseas Bank	8.95-10.35	8.50 onwards	8.50 onwards
Private Sector Banks			
Kotak Mahindra Bank	8.30 onwards	8.30 onwards	8.30 onwards
ICICI Bank	8.40-9.50	8.40-9.50	8.40-9.50
Axis Bank	8.60-12.70	8.60-12.70	8.60-9.05
HSBC Bank	8.35-9.20	8.35-9.20	8.35-9.20
South Indian Bank	9.25-12.00	9.25-12.00	9.25-12.00
Karur Vysya Bank	8.60-9.50	8.60-9.50	8.60-9.50
Karnataka Bank	8.54-9.79	8.54-9.79	8.54-9.89
Federal Bank	8.37-9.60	8.37-9.65	8.37-9.70
Dhanlaxmi Bank	9.00-10.15	9.00-10.15	9.00-10.15
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	8.30	8.30	8.30
RBL Bank	11.30-13.00	9.70-10.10	9.70-10.00
CSB Bank	9.69	9.69	9.94
Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)			
LIC Housing Finance	8.30-10.00	8.30-10.20	8.30-10.40
HDFC Ltd.	8.40-10.00	8.40-10.25	8.40-10.35
Bajaj Housing Finance	8.20 onwards	8.20 onwards	8.20 onwards
Tata Capital	>=8.60	>=8.60	>=8.60
PNB Housing Finance	8.25-13.00	8.25-13.00	8.35-11.70
GIC Housing Finance	>=8.10	>=8.10	>=8.10
Repco Home Finance	>=8.30	>=8.30	>=8.30
Aditya Birla Capital	8.50-13.50	8.50-13.50	8.50-13.50
ICICI Home Finance	>=9.20	>=9.20	>=9.20
Godrej Housing Finance	8.39-10.99	8.39-10.99	8.39-10.99

*Additional interest concession of 0.20% to salary account holders and 0.10% to women borrowers, subject to maximum concession of 0.20%.

Rates as on November 10 **Source:Paisabazaar.com**

DALLAS

Six killed after vintage military aircraft collide at airshow

Six people were killed when a pair of Second World War-era planes collided in mid-air at a show in Dallas and crashed to the ground in a ball of fire, authorities said on Sunday. The tragedy, under investigation by federal agencies, involved a single-pilot Bell P-63 Kingcobra crashing into a larger Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. AP

LJUBLJANA

Melania Trump's lawyer tipped to win Slovenian Presidential race

Slovenians voted on Sunday in a run-off poll expected to elect the country's first woman President — a lawyer linked to former U.S. first lady Melania Trump. Natasa Pirc Musar, backed by the centre-left government, is running against ex-Foreign Minister Anze Logar, a veteran of conservative politics, in the country of two million. AP

PARIS

Iranian who inspired Spielberg's *The Terminal* dies at Paris airport

A file photo of Mehran Karimi Nasseri passing by the poster of the movie inspired by his life, at terminal 1 of Charles De Gaulle airport in Paris. Mr. Nasseri, an Iranian political refugee who lived over 18 years in the airport and inspired Steven Spielberg's *The Terminal,* died aged 77 at the airport's terminal 2F on Saturday. AFP

KYIV

After Kherson success, Ukraine vows to keep driving out Russia

Residents celebrate in Kherson on Saturday after Russia's retreat from the city. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky vowed to keep pushing Russian forces out of his country. In a video address, he told people in cities and villages that are still under occupation: "We don't forget anyone; we won't leave anyone." REUTERS

Biden will seek red lines in talks with Xi today

We know each other, U.S. President says, claiming that he is going into his first face-to-face with Xi as President 'stronger', after the Democratic Party's good performance in midterm elections

Agence France-Presse
NUSA DUA, INDONESIA

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Sunday he will seek to establish "red lines" in America's fraught relations with Beijing in high-stakes talks with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping.

The superpower sit-down will come on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Indonesia on Monday, with leaders from the world's 20 largest economies holding their biggest gathering since the pandemic.

Mr. Biden said he was going into his first face-to-face with Mr. Xi as President "stronger", after his Democratic Party's unexpected success in the midterm elections they had been forecast to lose heavily.

But the summit comes with Beijing and Washington's rivalry intensifying as a more powerful and assertive China tries to disrupt the U.S.-led international order.

Upbeat mood: U.S. President Joe Biden arrives on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on Sunday. AFP

Straightforward talks

The world's two largest economies are at loggerheads on everything from trade to human rights in China's Xinjiang region and the status of the self-ruled island of Taiwan, and Mr. Biden said he expected "straightforward discussions" with Mr. Xi.

"I know Xi Jinping, he knows me," he told reporters in Phnom Penh where he met with Asian leaders before heading to the G-20 on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

"We have very little misunderstanding. We just got to figure out what the red lines are," Mr. Biden said.

The U.S. President hopes to "come out of this meeting with areas where the two countries and the two Presidents and their teams can work cooperatively on substantive issues, National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters as Mr. Biden flew to Bali.

Rein in North Korea

Mr. Biden will push China to rein in North Korea after a record-breaking series of missile tests fuelled expectations the reclusive regime will soon carry out its seventh nuclear test.

China is Pyongyang's main ally and while Mr. Biden is not expected to make demands, he will warn Mr. Xi that further missile and nuclear build-up would mean the U.S. boosting its military presence in the region – something Beijing bitterly opposes. Mr. Biden met Japan and South Korea's leaders before flying to Bali, with the allies pledging a "strong and resolute response" to any North Korean nuclear test.

Six killed, dozens injured in Istanbul bomb blast, India condoles loss of lives

Associated Press
ISTANBUL

A bomb rocked a busy shopping street in the heart of Istanbul on Sunday, killing six people, wounding several dozen and sending people fleeing the fiery explosion.

Emergency vehicles rushed to the scene on Istiklal Avenue, a popular thoroughfare lined with shops and restaurants that leads to the iconic Taksim Square.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called the blast a "treacherous attack" and said its perpetrators would be punished.

He did not say who was behind the attack but said it had the "smell of terror" without offering details and also adding that was not certain yet.

The President said investigations were ongoing by the police and the Governor's office, including reviewing footage of the area.

Mr. Erdogan said six people were killed. Vice-President Fuat Oktay later updated the wounded toll to 81, with two in serious condition, and also said it appeared to be a terrorist attack.

Rescue mission: Police personnel work at the site of the explosion in Istanbul on Sunday. REUTERS

Numerous foreign governments offered their condolences, including neighbouring Greece with which relations are tense. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said he was "shocked and saddened by the news of the heinous attack."

India conveyed its "deepest condolences" to the government and people of Turkey over the "tragic loss of lives".

"India conveys its deepest condolences to the Government and people of Türkiye on the tragic loss of lives in the blast that took place in Istanbul today," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

"Our sympathies are also with those who sustained injuries. We wish them a speedy recovery." *(With PTI inputs)*

Netanyahu tapped to form next government

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's veteran ex-premier Benjamin Netanyahu secured a mandate on Sunday to form a new government, paving the way for his comeback at the helm of what is expected to be the most right-wing administration in the country's history.

After a period of unprecedented political gridlock tested the electorate with five votes in less than four years, the November 1 polls gave Mr. Netanyahu and his far-right allies a clear majority in the 120-seat parliament.

"I have decided to assign to you, Benjamin Netanyahu, the task of forming a government," President Isaac Herzog told him at a ceremony here. Accepting the mandate, the 73-year-old politician widely known as "Bibi" vowed to serve all Israelis, "those who voted for us and those who did not – it is my responsibility".

Mr. Netanyahu, who is fighting corruption allegations in court, will have at least 28 days to build a coalition with his allies – two ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties and a rising extreme-right alliance called Religious Zionism.

Mr. Herzog noted Mr. Netanyahu's ongoing trial: "I am not oblivious, of course, to the fact that there are ongoing legal proceedings against Mr. Netanyahu at the Jerusalem District Court, and I do not trivialise this at all". But he said that recent precedent made clear Mr. Netanyahu could serve as Prime Minister while contesting the allegations.

Iran issues first death sentence after Mahsa Amini 'riots'

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran on Sunday issued its first death sentence linked to participation in "riots", weeks into protests sparked by the death of a woman in morality police custody, the judiciary's website said.

The unidentified accused was sentenced in a Tehran court to death for the crimes of "setting fire to a government building, disturbing public order, assembly and conspiracy to commit a crime against national security," as well as for being "an enemy of God and corruption on earth", *Mizan Online* reported. The latter is one of the most serious offences under Iranian law.

Nationwide unrest has followed the September 16 death of Mahsa Amini, 22, after her arrest by the morality police in Tehran for allegedly violating the dress code for women.

U.K. govt. warns of tax hikes this week

Agence France Presse
LONDON

The U.K. government on Sunday warned of impending tax hikes, especially for the wealthy, as it bids to repair the economic havoc wrought by Liz Truss's short-lived tenure as Prime Minister.

Ms. Truss's successor Rishi Sunak, who was heading to a G-20 economic summit in Indonesia, has vowed to rein in the soaring inflation even if it means more pain for consumers and businesses.

His Finance Minister, Jeremy Hunt, told *Sky News* that the pain would fall disproportionately on the better off when he unveils an emergency budget statement on Thursday.

"We're all going to be paying a bit more tax, I'm afraid," he said, while refusing to elaborate, after a tax-cutting budget by Ms. Truss caused panic on financial markets.

Mr. Hunt conceded that the U.K. economy was already likely in recession after a contraction in the July-September quarter. "We will be asking everyone for sacrifices," the Chancellor of the Exchequer said.

"But I think in a fair society, as we are in the U.K., we need to recognise that there's only so much you can ask from people on the very lowest incomes, so that will be reflected in the decisions that I take," he added.

He is reportedly looking at changing income tax brackets, to raise more revenue from high-earners, and impose strict curbs on government spending.

Sport

Plucky Blasters thrill the home fans with a commanding win over Goa

ISL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Kerala Blasters pulled off a stunning 3-1 victory over FC Goa in the Indian Super League at the Nehru Stadium here on Sunday, a victory that helped it climb from seventh to fifth in the table.

Goa, fourth in the table, was expected to be a tough opponent but it was Blasters who called the shots and produced three goals in the space of 10 minutes that left their opponent breathless.

Sahal Samad and Adrian Luna combined well and forced the Goa defence to sweat. Sahal proved to be a tricky customer, dodging past defenders often and breaking into the box with his sudden bursts of speed.

Lettin' it rip: Kaliuzhnyi fires in Blasters' third goal. THULASI KAKKAT

One such move saw him dance around a defender and send a neat cross from the left to Luna who just had to tap it in from close for the opening goal in the 42nd minute.

Blasters added one more a couple of minutes later when forward Diamantokos was brought down by defender Anwar Ali inside the box. The Greek converted neatly.

Ivan Kaliuzhny's goal was a beauty. After receiving a pass from Diamantokos, the Ukrainian sent in a fiery 30-yard left-footed shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance.

The Blasters' defence, often shaky this season, put in an improved performance, dismantling the Goa attacks a few times.

Midfielder Noah tried to break in from the left towards the hour mark but he faced a Sandeep Singh wall.

However, he headed in a consolation goal in the 67th minute.

The result:

Kerala Blasters 3 (Adrian Luna 42, Diamantakos 45-p, Ivan Kaliuzhny 52) bt FC Goa 1 (Noah Sadaoui 67).

Odegaard pulls the Gunners five clear; Garnacho does it for United

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MANCHESTER

Arsenal heads into the World Cup break five points clear at the top of the Premier League after it beat Wolves 2-0 on Saturday.

Martin Odegaard led by example for the Gunners as the Norwegian fired home twice from close range in the second half.

Newcastle remained third after inflicting Chelsea's third consecutive league defeat as Joe Willock's stunning strike extended the latter's winless league run to five games.

On Sunday, Argentina teenager Alejandro Garnacho came off the bench to score in stoppage time as Manchester United won 2-1 away against Fulham.

On the double: Odegaard seals it for Arsenal with his second goal in the 75th minute. AFP

Garnacho's expert 1-2 with Christian Eriksen, in the last of three minutes of added time, saw him race into the box before producing a cool finish.

Eriksen himself had put the visitors in front in the 14th minute before former United striker Daniel James equalised for Fulham just after the hour mark.

Bayern Munich stretched its Bundesliga lead to six points after a 2-0 win over Schalke. Edin Dzeko fired Inter Milan into the Serie A top four on Sunday with a brace in a 3-2 win at Atalanta.

The results: Premier League: Fulham 1 (James 61) lost to Manchester United 2 (Eriksen 14, Garnacho 90+3).

Serie A: Atalanta 2 (Lookman 25-pen, Palomino 77) lost to Inter Milan 3 (Dzeko 36, 56, Palomino 61-og).

On Saturday: Premier League: Wolves 0 lost to Arsenal 2 (Odegaard 55, 75).

Bundesliga: Schalke 0 lost to Bayern Munich 2 (Gnabry 38, Choupo Moting 52).

Big-match hero Stokes dazzles again as England asserts white-ball supremacy

Southpaw scores an unbeaten half-century as Buttler's men add the T20 crown to the 50-over World Cup won in 2019; Curran shines with the ball

Anchorman: Stokes cut out the usual frills to guide the team home with an over to spare. GETTY IMAGES

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

A steady procession of Pakistani fans nearly filled the Melbourne Cricket Ground. There were England supporters too, but they were lost in a sea of green that spread across the stands. Yet, Jos Buttler's men felt at home. And as a Sunday night waned, England seized the ICC Twenty20 World Cup, winning the summit clash by five wickets.

The final was seemingly heading England's way once Pakistan's diffident batters mustered 137 for eight. However, the fast bowlers from the stables that produced Imran Khan, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, prised out early wickets.

A contest of small margins began to take shape but Buttler's men, conscious of the DLS par score linked to the rain-threat, kept hustling the runs. Barring the odd feathery drizzle, the weather gods were kind and with Ben Stokes (52 n.o.) showing the way, England finished with 138 for five in 19 overs.

Early jolt

It wasn't easy though as England suffered a jolt in the first over. Shaheen Afridi darted one back and castled Alex Hales. The pressure marginally dissipated in the second over as Buttler clipped fours off Naseem Shah and Philip Salt inner-edged past fine-leg.

However, Salt hit Haris Rauf straight to short mid-wicket and Stokes walked in and witnessed Buttler scoop a six off Shah.

Rauf then scalped Buttler with the catch flying into Mohammad Rizwan's gloves.

Stokes and Harry Brook soldiered on while the Pakistan attack hovered between hostility and the expansive wide. Stokes and Brook added 39 runs for the fourth-wicket before the last-named failed to get past Afridi at long-off and spinner Shadab Khan struck.

But Stokes remained undiminished, he kept muscling his runs and with Moeen Ali for company, waded in to a Mohammad Wasim over. By then Afridi had limped away and Stokes was still there when the winning runs were clipped.

Nervous start

Earlier, Buttler won the toss and elected to field and nerves were evident as Stokes bowled a no-ball, a wide, peddled two free-hits while Rizwan and Babar Azam were finding their feet. In the fourth over, the stands erupted as Rizwan picked a six off Chris Woakes but when Sam Curran (three for 12) steamed in, the opener dragged a ball onto his stumps.

Just as captain Babar eased his gears, Mohammad Haris heaved a few without connecting. He flicked Woakes once but when leg-spinner Adil Rashid stepped in, the batter lofted straight to Stokes.

With Shan Masood giving him company, Babar then nudged Pakistan to 68 for two in 10 overs.

Southpaw Masood launched into spinner Liam Livingstone with a four and a six but against the run of play, Babar got dismissed.

Diving effort

Shaping to punch Rashid towards the off-side, the Pakistani skipper got cramped for space and tapped a catch back to a diving bowler. Pakistan's woes continued as Iftikhar Ahmed fatally edged Stokes.

The run-rate was sluggish and while Masood and Shadab hit the odd four, more impetus was needed.

The duo left with their attempted shots finding waiting palms and Pakistan finished with a score that needed its speedsters to do all the hard work. They tried but England remained invincible.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Mohammad Rizwan b Curran 15 *(14b, 1x6)*, Babar Azam c & b Rashid 32 *(28b, 2x4)*, Mohammad Haris c Stokes b Rashid 8 *(12b, 1x4)*, Shan Masood c Livingstone b Curran 38 *(28b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Iftikhar Ahmed c Buttler b Stokes 0 *(6b)*, Shadab Khan c Woakes b Jordan 20 *(14b, 2x4)*, Mohammad Nawaz c Livingstone b Curran 5 *(7b)*, Mohammad Wasim c Livingstone b Jordan 4 *(8b)*, Shaheen Shah Afridi (not out) 5 *(3b, 1x4)*, Haris Rauf (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-1, nb-1, w-6): 9; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 137.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-29 (Rizwan, 4.2 overs), 2-45 (Haris, 7.1), 3-84 (Babar, 11.1), 4-85 (Iftikhar, 12.2), 5-121 (Masood, 16.3), 6-123 (Shadab, 17.2), 7-129 (Nawaz, 18.3), 8-131 (Wasim, 19.3).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Stokes 4-0-32-1, Woakes 3-0-26-0, Curran 4-0-12-3, Rashid 4-1-22-2, Jordan 4-0-27-2, Livingstone 1-0-16-0.

ENGLAND

Jos Buttler c Rizwan b Rauf 26 *(17b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Alex Hales b Afridi 1 *(2b)*, Phil Salt c Iftikhar b Rauf 10 *(9b, 2x4)*, Ben Stokes (not out) 52 *(49b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Harry Brook c Afridi b Shadab 20 *(23b, 1x4)*, Moeen Ali b Wasim 19 *(13b, 3x4)*, Liam Livingstone (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-8): 9; Total (for five wkts. in 19 overs): 138.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-7 (Hales, 0.6), 2-32 (Salt, 3.3), 3-45 (Buttler, 5.3), 4-84 (Brook, 12.3), 5-132 (Moeen, 18.2).

PAKISTAN BOWLING

Afridi 2.1-0-13-1, Naseem 4-0-30-0, Rauf 4-0-23-2, Shadab 4-0-20-1, Wasim 4-0-38-1, Iftikhar 0.5-0-13-0.

Toss: England; **Player-of-the-Match:** Curran; **Player-of-the-Tournament:** Curran.

England won by five wickets with six balls to spare.

Buttler lavishes praise on Stokes and Curran

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

Jos Buttler strode in with the T20 World Cup medallion around his neck and the trophy was kept at an arm's length from him on the table.

Glint in the eyes

The England skipper looked relaxed, happy and had a glint in his eyes. And just as he began to address the media following the five-wicket triumph over Pakistan in the final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here on Sunday night, from the sidelines Sam Curran yelled a "woo-hoo" while Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid laughed.

Buttler gave a sideways glance at his fellow-heroes and then spoke about how special this triumph was and how it also validated the brand of cricket England has started playing after 2015.

Charge of the red brigade: The England players go on a victory lap after winning the title. GETTY IMAGES

"It feels special to be here, to win the World Cup," he said and then lauded Ben Stokes: "He is a match-winner, he can take any burden on his shoulders and he has been in the scenarios before and time and again he knows what to do.

"This wasn't his most fluent innings but he stayed till the end and won the game."

Can only get better

The England captain also praised his entire bowling unit, especially Curran: "He is still young and can only get better and better."

Later he admitted that it wasn't easy facing the Pakistani fast bowlers. Minutes later, Curran said about how the triumph is "yet to sink in" and stressed that he would take a "World Cup any day over wickets."

Meanwhile, Rashid added: "Some days you try for wickets and get smashed, some days you don't bowl that well and still get wickets. Today was a good day."

Babar disappointed

Before the England quartet fulfilled their varied media-commitments, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam said that his team fell short by "20 runs."

He then said: "It is disappointing to lose this final.

"We should have scored more but our bowlers tried hard.

"It also didn't help that Shaheen Afridi got injured and could not finish his quota of overs.

"We did well to get here but somehow we couldn't get any momentum."

Spain going in the right direction under Enrique: Iniesta

The former midfielder believes that the team, bursting with talent, can go far despite its relative inexperience on the biggest stage of all; the Barcelona legend feels that if the *La Furia Roja* wants to be the best, it has play against the best and try to beat them

INTERVIEW

Andres Iniesta

Andres Iniesta represents the golden generation of Spanish footballers who won every trophy for club and country. Post his retirement from international duty the Spaniard will watch the World Cup on television.

Your thoughts on scoring the winning goal in a final

That was the happiest moment for me. To win the first World Cup for my country by scoring the only goal in the final. It took some time to realise that it was not a dream! We played really well and dominated the tournament. A special feeling, a special achievement.

Fond memories: Iniesta considers his winning goal from 2010 as his happiest moment. GETTY IMAGES

The last two editions in Brazil and Russia did not go well for Spain...

It could certainly have been better. But there's no point in crying over spilt milk. In Brazil it was a disastrous start while we could not score a goal in the second round in 2018 against the hosts despite creating so many opportunities.

It is a new World Cup and we have to start afresh.

Spain has some exciting talent this time, although inexperienced...

The first part is more important. They have proved their worth in club football as well as for the nation.

With Germany, Costa Rica and Japan, it's a complicated group for Spain.

It is, especially when you have Germany. However, that's what the World Cup is all about. If you want to be the best, play against the best and try to beat them.

Your views on Enrique as Spain's coach...

We reached the 2020 Euro semifinal under him. Even in Nations League we are among the first four countries. We qualified for the World Cup without much difficulty. That proves we are going in the right direction. Enrique likes his teams to play a particular brand of football. We have technical players who can excel. Now they have to do it under pressure.

Any other team you would fancy in Qatar...

It will be an interesting World Cup since the players will be coming straight from the club season. European nations have won the last four editions and they will do everything to win it again. France, Germany, Spain, England, Portugal will definitely try to go as far as possible. Brazil and Argentina are among the favaourites, too.

Messi has already declared that this will be his last World Cup. Your thoughts...

Leo is a legend. He played in four World Cups and will try his best to win it. But to win it, you need some luck, as well as the team's support. Everybody will be happy to see him win it because he deserves it.

Is it disappointing not be a part at Qatar?

I have already retired from international football and I was happy to play four World Cups. It was one of my dreams.

PROUD SKIPPER

Winning the T20 WC is the icing on the cake: Buttler

Jos Buttler was pleased with the performance of the boys after the World Cup triumph. "This is the icing on the cake to win the T20 World Cup. (I'm) just immensely proud. After the Ireland loss, we showed great character in must-win games, we just got better and better."

GAMEPLAN

I knew my type of bowling would work, says Curran

Sam Curran, who bowled a superb spell in the final, said: "MCG has big square boundaries, so I knew my into-the-wicket type of bowling would work as it would make them hit square of the wicket. We felt the wicket was not as good as we thought it would be."

SPIRITED SHOW

'The way we came back in last four matches was incredible'

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam was gracious in defeat. "England deserved to be champions. We felt like home here, got great support at every venue. We lost the first two games, but the way we came back in the last four matches was incredible," said Babar.

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

Switzerland beats Australia, clinches maiden crown

Switzerland took an unassailable 2-0 lead over Australia to claim its first Billie Jean King Cup title in Glasgow on Sunday. Jil Teichmann prevailed 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 over Storm Sanders before Olympic champion Belinda Bencic saw off Ajla Tomjlanovic 6-2, 6-1 to clinch the tie.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

U Mumba rides on Guman's heroics to beat Patna Pirates

Guman Singh came up with an inspiring performance, scoring 13 points, to help U Mumba defeat Patna Pirates 36-23 in the Pro Kabaddi League Season-9 in Pune on Sunday. Bengaluru Bulls survived two late surges by Tamil Thalaivas to register a 40-34 victory.

INBRIEF

Russell wins Sao Paulo Grand Prix Saturday sprint

George Russell overtook Red Bull's double World champion Max Verstappen to win the final Saturday sprint race of the Formula One season and put Mercedes first on the grid for the Sao Paulo Grand Prix, the penultimate round of the season, at Interlagos, Brazil. Red Bull and Verstappen have already won both championships.

Real Kashmir starts season brightly beating Neroca

Real Kashmir FC began its I-League season on a winning note, beating hosts Neroca FC 1-0 in Imphal on Sunday. It was Issahak Nuhu's excellent 53rd minute strike that sealed all three points for new head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo's team. "We are very happy with our performance today. We have a new coach this time and we are looking forward to our upcoming home games," said Real Kashmir FC owner Sandeep Chattoo.

Afghanistan women's cricket may resume, says ICC

The International Cricket Council on Sunday said the Afghanistan government has "in principle" agreed to resume women's cricket in the country.

American Nakashima wins Next Gen ATP Finals

American Brandon Nakashima defeated Czech Jiri Lehecka to lift the Next Gen ATP Finals title in Milan on Saturday. Nakashima, ranked 49, beat the 74th-ranked Lehecka 4-3(5), 4-3(6), 4-2 in the tournament which features the eight best players aged 21-years-and-under on the ATP Tour.

China and South Korea win big in blind football

China and South Korea men posted big wins over Thailand and Uzbekistan respectively in the IBSA Asia-Oceania blind football championship at the United Sports Centre, Kakkanad, on Sunday.

The results: South Korea bt Uzbekistan 5-0, China bt Thailand 4-0, Malaysia drew with Kazakhstan 1-1; Iran bt Australia 8-0; Japan bt Uzbekistan 11-0.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8 a.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 & 7 p.m.
ATP Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

All-round Karnataka hands Vidarbha its second defeat

Delhi eases past Meghalaya riding on half-centuries from Himmat Singh, Yash Dhull and Shikhar Dhawan

HAZARE TROPHY

Y. B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Rookie Nikkin Jose and Shreyas Gopal's fine knocks and V. Koushik and V. Kaverappa's incisive bowling helped Karnataka script a comprehensive 66-run win over Vidarbha in an Elite Group-B Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day match here on Sunday.

Inserted in, Karnataka amassed 314 for seven before restricting Vidarbha to 248 for nine and ensuring its second successive victory.

Vidarbha suffered its second consecutive defeat despite Akshay Karnewar's magnificent maiden century (104 n.o., 131b, 14x4, 1x6).

The two-match-old Nikkin (96, 121b, 7x4, 1x6) batted responsibly to get his career-best score.

The 22-year-old worked the ball in the gaps to rotate the strike and formed partnerships worth 35, 64 and 83 with R. Samarth (19, 35b, 3x4), Manish Pandey (44, 39b, 5x4, 2x6) and Shreyas (56, 43b, 4x4, 3x6) respectively to put Karnataka on a sound platform.

Nikkin, who drove and pulled well, built a few more useful partnerships. He was bowled while trying to scoop pacer Darshan Nalkande in the 48th over.

The pace duo of Kaverappa (3/40) and Koushik (4/27) hit the right areas to reduce Vidarbha to a precarious 51 for seven in the 15th over.

However, Karnewar and Nalkande - who earlier took two and three wickets - exhibited their all-round skills to bat positively, playing each ball on merit. They added 140 runs off 158 to save their team from humiliation.

Karnewar, dropped twice, preferred the region between square-leg and fine-leg to get most of his runs, including some good-looking boundaries.

Ronit More removed Nalkande (57, 66b, 5x4, 2x6) to break the stand and relieve Karnataka.

Early in-roads: V. Koushik came up with a superb spell to restrict Vidarbha up-front. FILE PHOTO

Nikkin Jose.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SUNDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCORES

Group A: At New Delhi: Gujarat 281/6 in 50 overs (Priyank Panchal 100, Het Patel 59, Saurav Chauhan 46) lost to Chandigarh 284/4 in 48.5 overs (Arslan Khan 54, Manan Vohra 116, Ankit Kaushik 68 n.o.).

Saurashtra 397/4 in 50 overs (Harvik Desai 100, Samarth Vyas 200, Cheteshwar Pujara 48) bt Manipur 115 in 41.4 overs (Langlonyamba Meitan Keishangbam 55, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 7/10).

Hyderabad 190 in 46.1 overs (T. Ravi Teja 72) lost to Tripura 191/3 in 35 overs (Bishal Ghosh 102 n.o., Deepak Khatri 67).

Uttar Pradesh 139 in 41.3 overs (Rishi Dhawan 4/12) lost to Himachal Pradesh (HP) 140/5 in 36 overs (Raghav Dhawan 61 n.o.).

Group B: At Kolkata: Karnataka 314/7 in 50 overs (Nikin Jose 96, Manish Pandey 44, Shreyas Gopal 56) bt Vidarbha 248/9 in 50 overs (Akshay Karnewar 104 n.o., Darshan Nalkande 57, Vasuki Koushik 4/27).

Dharmendrasinh Jadeja.

Meghalaya 216/7 in 50 overs (Wanlambok Nongkhlaw 59, Punit Bisht 75) lost to Delhi 219/2 in 32.2 overs (Himmat Singh 85, Shikhar Dhawan 54, Yash Dhull 71 n.o.).

Assam 163 in 39.4 overs (Vivekanand Tiwari 4/42) lost to Jharkhand 166/2 in 35 overs (Utkarsh Singh 83 n.o., Virat Singh 50).

Samarth Vyas.

Sikkim 110 in 42 overs (Ravi Bishnoi 4/34, Rahul Chahar 5/24) lost to Rajasthan 115/3 in 17.4 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 75 n.o.).

Group C: At Bengaluru: Haryana 222/9 in 50 overs (Himanshu Rana 54, Ajay Mandal 4/49) bt Chhattisgarh 171 in 40.2 overs (Harpreet Singh Bhatia 66) by VJD method.

Goa 329/6 in 50 overs (Snehal Kauthankar 44, Eknath Kerkar 63, Siddhesh Lad 55, Darshan Misal 107 n.o., Deepraj Gaonkar 44) bt Bihar 241 in 46.5 overs (Surya Vansh 63, Sachin Kumar Singh 76); Toss: Bihar; Goa 4 (6), Bihar 0 (2).

Andhra 205 in 45.3 overs (Abhishek Reddy 85, K.S. Bharat 51) lost to Tamil Nadu 206/1 in 32.1 overs (Sai Sudharsan 73, N. Jagadeesan 114 n.o.).

Arunachal Pradesh 102 in 29.3 overs (Amresh Rohit 59, Nedumankuzhy Basil 4/17) lost to Kerala 105/1 in 10.3 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 77 n.o.).

Group D: At Mumbai: Jammu & Kashmir 282/6 in 49 overs (Vivrant Sharma 64, Henan Nazir 45, Abdul Samad 64, Fazil Rashid 55) bt Baroda 188 in 43.2 overs (Ambati Rayudu 49, Vivrant Sharma 4/22).

Uttarakhand 255 in 49.1 overs (Avneesh Sudha 51, Vaibhav Bhatt 41) lost to Punjab 256/4 in 45.4 overs (Mandeep Singh 100 n.o., Anmol Malhotra 46, Sanvir Singh 84 n.o.).

Odisha 224 in 48.3 overs (Rajesh Dhuper 79, Abhishek Raut 64, Akash Singh 5/29) bt Nagaland 89 in 35.5 overs (Tarani Sa 5/19).

Group E: At Ranchi: Pondicherry 289/9 in 50 overs (K.B. Arun Karthick 80, Paras Dogra 102, Susheel Kumar 4/61) lost to Railways 290/7 in 49.1 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 115, Upendra Yadav 61, Sridhar Ashwath 4/55).

Mumbai 264/9 in 50 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 104, Ajinkya Rahane 43, Shams Mulani 48) lost to Services 266/2 in 45.3 overs (Shubham Rohilla 135, Ravi Chauhan 100).

Mizoram 57 in 21.2 overs (Pradipta Pramanik 4/2) lost to Bengal 59/1 in 6.2 overs.

Indian shooters sweep air rifle team events

Sports Bureau

India asserted its dominance in air rifle team events, by claiming all the team titles, in the Asian Airgun championship in Daegu, Korea, on Sunday.

Arjun Babuta, Rudrankksh Patil and Kiran Jadhav beat Kazakhstan 17-11 for the gold in the men's team competition.

India had tied with Kazakh team in the second stage after having topped the first stage ahead of Korea which claimed bronze.

In the women's event, Mehuli Ghosh, Elavenil Valarivan and Meghana Sajjanar helped India to a 16-10 victory over Korea in the gold match. The team was consistent in topping both the stages of qualification.

India also won the junior men's and junior women's titles thanks to the fine work of Divyansh Singh Panwar, Sri Karthik Sabari Raj, Vidit Jain, Ramita Jindal, Nancy and Tilottama Sen.

The results: Air rifle: Men: 1. India (Arjun Babuta, Rudrankksh Patil, Kiran Jadhav) 17 (627.7) 942.8, 2. Kazakhstan (Islam Usseinov, Ilya Fedin, Konstantin Malinovskiy) 11 (627.7) 940.0, 3. Korea 16 (626.4) 941.9. **Women:** 1. India (Mehuli Ghosh, Elavenil Valarivan, Meghana Sajjanar) 16 (628.0) 944.8, 2. Korea (Cho Eunyoung, Lee Eunseo, Keum Jihyeon) 10 (627.1) 940.5, 3. Kazakhstan 17(620.3) 932.2. **Junior men:** 1. India (Divyansh Singh Panwar, Sri Karhtik Sabari Raj, Vidit Jain) 16 (629.8) 944.2, 2. Korea (Bang Seungho, Choe Daehan, Bae Seojoon) 10 (622.2) 939.4, 3. Singapore 621.7 (936.0). **Junior women:** 1. India (Ramita Jindal, Nancy, Tilottama Sen) 16 (630.5) 940.6, 2. Korea (Jang Jeongin, Jo Eunseo, Kwon Eunji) 2 (619.0) 934.6, 3. Kazakhstan 17 (615.1) 932.1.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Riding high: Sanyogeeta Limaye claimed the Open crown.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sanyogeeta rides to victory in EPL

Sanyogeeta Limaye won the open crown in the 12th Equestrian Premier League (EPL) at Embassy International Riding School (EIRS).

The winners: Children: Aadya Esha (Red Earth Riding School); **junior:** Samanna Everaat (Chennai Equitation Center); **open:** Sanyogeeta Limaye (EIRS).

Facile win for Garuda HC

Garuda HC defeated BCYA 'A' 3-1 in the KSHA 'C' Division hockey league championship here.

The results: Ideal SC 'B' 1 (Shiva Surya 31) bt Dynamites United 1 (A.A. Bopanna 48) (via 3-0 in shootout).

Garuda HC 3 (Srinath 37, Chran Kumar 41, D. Jaswanth 46) bt BCYA 'A' 1 (Niran Subbaiah 23).

Sindhu pulls out of BWF World Tour Finals

BADMINTON

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Double Olympics medallist P.V. Sindhu has pulled out of the BWF World Tour Finals scheduled to be in China from December 14.

The 27-year-old has written to the Badminton Association of India on Sunday expressing her inability to take part in as she is yet to recover from the stress fracture on the left ankle she suffered during the Commonwealth Games in August this year where she won the gold.

"I feel that I am yet to completely recover from the injury though I have started training," she said.

"I hope to be match fit very soon and will be in right frame of mind for the next Olympics," said the former World champion.

Tilottama strikes it rich at the Asian Airgun C'ship

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Tilottama Sen's dream run continued as the teenager claimed two gold medals in the Asian Airgun Championship at Daegu (South Korea).

A day after winning the 10m air rifle women's junior event, Tilottama picked up the air rifle women's junior team gold for India alongside Ramita and Nancy. The trio helped India cruise past Korea 16-2 in the final.

The 14-year-old has been on a roll since she took up the sport during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Making her mark

The Bengaluru shooter made her mark with an individual silver at the 2022 National Games, and followed it up with individual bronze and team gold medals in the junior women's event at the ISSF World Shooting Championship held at Cairo (Egypt) last month.

Tilottama Sen.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

"Doing well at the National Games and World Championships gave me a lot of confidence ahead of Daegu," Tilottama told *The Hindu* on Sunday.

Success mantra

A proud father Sujit Sen explained that Tilottama is armed with a single-minded dedication to the sport. "All the medals she has won is entirely due to her own effort.

"She has never missed a single day of practice. Come rain or shine, Tilottama will be at the practice range at Elite Shooting Academy.

"After every session, she returns home and enters her scores in a Microsoft Excel sheet. She then analyses any small errors and works out what she could do better," Sen said.

Tilottama's main goal is to qualify for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

"If you know your goals and stay patient, it can be achieved," Tilottama said.

Abdul, Tanya break hammer throw records

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Sports Bureau

Uttar Pradesh hammer throwers Abdul Rahaman (under-16 boys) and Tanya Chaudhary (under-20 women) broke the National records in the 37th National junior athletics championships in Guwahati on Sunday.

Fantastic four: The West Bengal team of Rezoana Mallick Heena, Tahura Khatun, Aparna Baidya and Kankona Sardar that broke the National under-16 girls medley relay record. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results (winners only):
Men: Under-20: 1500m: Arjun Waskale (M.P.) 3:50.15s. **110 m hurdles:** Muhammed Hanan (Ker) 14.07s. **High jump:** Aryan Arun Patel (Mah) 2.09m. **Discus throw:** Zaanbaz Singh (Pun) 52.89m.

Boys: Under-18: 1500m: Sakir (Har) 3:55.22s. **110m hurdles:** Nayan Pradip Sarde (Mah) 1428s. **Triple jump:** Kothuri Pranay (Tel) 14.89m. **Pole vault:** Kuldeep Kumar (U.P.) 4.80m (MR, OR 4.79). **1000m medley relay:** Andhra Pradesh (1:55.94s). **Under-16: 80m hurdles:** K. Kiran (Ker) 10.61s (NR, OR 10.81). **High jump:** M. Ashok Kumar (TN) 1.96m. **Hammer throw:** Abdul Rahaman (U.P.) 64.61m (NR, OR 63.38). **5000m race walk:** Himanshu Kumar (Utk) 20:51.66s. **1000m medley relay:** Maharashtra (1:59.41s).

Women: Under-20: 100m hurdles: Namayi Ruchitha (Tel) 14.71s. **Hammer throw:** Tanya Chaudhary (U.P.) 58.30m (NR, OR 57.09). **10,000m race walk:** Mansi Negi (Utk) 47:30.94s (NR, OR 47:53.58).

Girls: Under-18: 1500m: Laxita Vinod Sandilea (Guj) 4:44.00s. **100m hurdles:** Unnathi Aiyappa (Kar) 13.94s. **Triple jump:** Divyasri (TN) 12.13m.

Hammer throw: Ankita (Har) 54.20m. **1000m medley relay:** Maharashtra (2:13.83s).

Under-16: 80m hurdles: G. Bhavana (TN) 12.02s. **1000 medley relay:** West Bengal 2:13.05s (NR, OR 2:15.65).

Gujarat Titans trade Ferguson and Gurbaz to Knight Riders

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Defending champion Gujarat Titans has traded New Zealand pacer Lockie Ferguson and Afghan wicket-keeper-batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz to Kolkata Knight Riders for the forthcoming IPL season. The Titans had bought Ferguson for ₹10 crore at the auction earlier this year.

The Kiwi played 13 matches for the side and took 12 wickets that included a four-wicket haul.

The pacer has previously represented KKR from 2017 to 2021.

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